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NUR DEFY JUDGE'S RULING

Banned strike to go ahead

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

THE National Union of Railwaymen is to go ahead with its strike on the London Underground in defiance of a High Court ban. It means there will be "an almost total shutdown" of the network from midnight tomorrow, management warned.

The union's 26-man national executive committee voted unanimously last night to call out the 16,000 members working on the Underground despite the risk of crippling financial penalties.

Earlier yesterday Mr Justice Tudor Price had granted London Regional Transport an injunction ordering the union to call off the stoppage until a ballot of affected members had been held.

The Left-wing-controlled union was not represented at the private hearing, although the judge adjourned it for two hours to give it a chance to appear.

The decision to ignore the ruling means the union will be open to a charge of contempt and its assets, estimated to be worth about £20 million, could be sequestrated if it refuses to pay any subsequent fines.

It also means that the strike itself will be deemed unlawful under the 1984 Trade Union Act which stipulates that secret ballots must be held to endorse a strike call. The 143,000-strong union would be liable to pay damages of up to £250,000.

The executive has called the strike in protest at a plan by London Underground Ltd., the network's operating company, to introduce driver-only trains from next week on the East London line between Shoreditch and New Cross.

The trains are already in service on the Circle and Hammersmith and City lines but the union says talks on a problem of adequate rest periods for drivers have not been satisfactorily concluded.

'Majority oppose strike action'

It accuses the management of provocation by "jumping the gun". More than half the Underground network's 2,000 drivers and the majority of its 2,000 guards belong to the NUR. Its membership also extends to the station, maintenance and some control staff.

Management made clear yesterday that it will go ahead with legal moves if the union proceeds with the action. Mr Roger Straker, personnel director for the Underground, said: "We have a duty to the public and to those members of our staff who want to work and maintain a service."

Mr Straker said he had evidence that if a strike ballot were to be held a majority of the union's members involved would oppose strike action. But he felt it was likely that many would obey the strike call because of loyalty to the union.

Although the locomen's union ASLEF, which represents a minority of Underground drivers, has not called its members out, it is urging them not to cross NUR picket lines. In the past, these instructions have received a mixed reception.

Mr Tony Ridley, chairman and managing director of London Underground, said on LBC Radio last night that the "cost of such a closure would easily run into "several millions a week."

A London Underground official later estimated that if the strike was well supported it would cause a loss in revenue of up to £6 million a week.

But he added: "Despite the union's decision, we are hopeful that, because the strike has been declared unlawful, many staff will come to work on Monday morning. We are aiming to run every train we can."

The network carries 12 million passengers a week and the minimum ticket charge is 40 pence. Many commuters rely on the Tube to get to work and it fulfils a crucial role for business, shopping and tourism.

Claims for more rest time

Management said all staff affected by the proposed manning changes here already received a 7·3 per cent. productivity pay rise worth about £10 a week on average. But it claimed the union has frustrated attempts for full implementation.

Mr Ridley said in a statement: "One-person operation does not mean redundancies, but it does mean lower costs and, because it reduces the risk of cancelling trains

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WORK BEGINS ON RAIL STATIONS

By Our Transport Correspondent

British Rail yesterday announced that work has started on the £300 million Liverpool Street/Broad Street stations redevelopment project in London in conjunction with Rosenhaugh Stanhope Developments.

The stations are used by 152,000 people a day. Broad Street will be knocked down and trains diverted to Liverpool next year. Building work will last until 1991.

Thatcher 'summit' on teachers' pay

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE Prime Minister will be considering the teachers' pay issue at a special meeting on Monday with her Education Secretary, Sir Keith Joseph, the Chancellor, the Environment Secretary, the Employment Secretary and the Welsh and Scottish Secretaries of State.

As every one per cent. on the teachers' salary bill costs an extra £50 million, the Chancellor is unlikely to agree to a phased increase on the present 4 per cent. offer, to give teachers an extra 7·25 per cent. by next April.

This, he is likely to argue, would give the teachers an unacceptably high "jumping-off point" for any restructuring deal subsequently agreed between unions and employers.

Sir Keith, who has already in effect "booked" time in the next parliamentary session for an Education Bill, is said to be toying with the idea of legislation enabling him to give local authorities extra money for teachers if they play the restructuring game his way.

If authorities produced suitable schemes for revising teachers' contracts, rewarding their best teachers, after assessment, and giving new teachers a longer and tougher probation period, it would allow him to range education support grants without the authorities' incurring Environment Department penalties.

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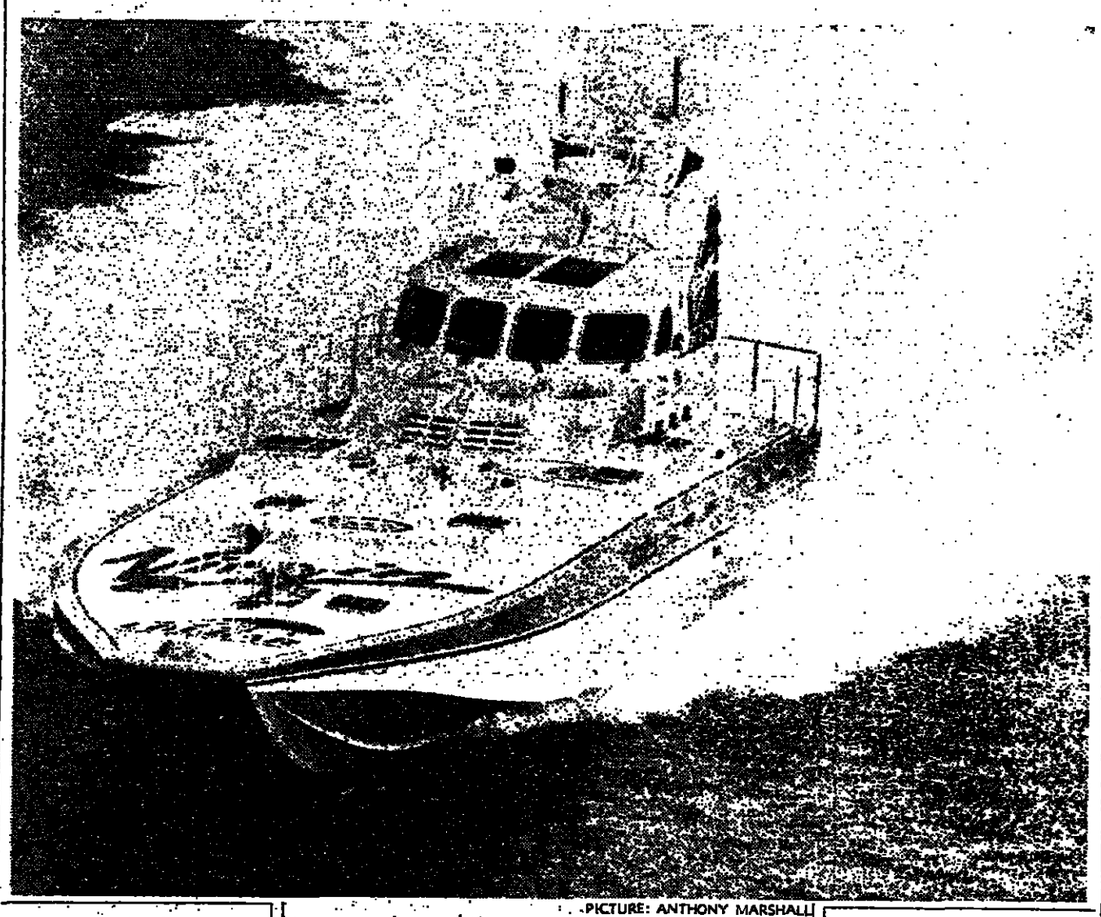

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VIRGIN Atlantic Challenger, the £1·5 million craft built to attack the Atlantic speed record, undergoing engine trials on Southampton Water yesterday, during which she averaged 47 mph.

The twin-hulled boat reached a peak speed of 53 mph, and she will have to average 50 mph to take the record for a crossing from the Ambrose Light Vessel, off New York, to the Bishop Rock Lighthouse, part of the Scilly Isles, which stands at three days, 10 hours, 40 minutes.

Chay Blyth, who will be a member of the crew with Ted Toleman, the skipper, and Richard Branson, head of the Virgin group, said he thoroughly enjoyed his first trip yesterday.

750 STRIKE OVER LIFE SENTENCES

Daily Telegraph Reporter

MORE than 750 men walked out of two South Wales pits yesterday in protest at the life sentences imposed on two of their workmates who murdered David Wilkie, a taxi driver, as he drove a miner to work during the coal strike.

About 670 men at the Taff Merthyr Colliery, where Russell Shankland, 21, worked, and more than 90 at Oakdale Colliery, Gwent, where Dean Hancock, 21, worked for three years, joined the strike.

"Not justice"

Mr Vic Hughes, union lodge chairman at Taff-Merthyr said: "The boys were saying to me, well, this is one way that Taff Merthyr can show solidarity with Russell Shankland and Dean Hancock and their families. I have worked personally with Russell for many months and I know he is a very friendly and kind boy."

Mr Danny Caniff, Oakdale lodge chairman, said: "To me it wasn't justice. No-one in the pit believes these boys deliberately tried to kill anyone, just frighten them from going into work."

Mr Wilkies's mother, Mrs Jean Wilkie, 60, criticised the miner's action pointing out that the two jailed men would, when they were released, still be younger than her son when he died.

29 TRAPPED IN JAPANESE MINE

At least 31 miners were killed and 29 remained trapped in a coal mine on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido yesterday after a sudden build-up of gas and cave-ins, police said. About 340 miners were in the pit at the time.

The accident occurred at a mine owned by the Mitsubishi Coal Mining Company.

SEXTUPLET DIES

Sextuplet Daniel Underhill, one of two sisters and four brothers born to Mrs Jane Underhill, 28, at Rosie maternity hospital, Cambridge, 16 days ago, has died. The other babies were in a stable condition.

PILLS KILL TWINS

Twins Naomi and Tanya Dodds, 15 months, have died after taking quinine pills intended for a friend of their mother, Mrs Yvonne Dodds, 20, of Earlsgate, Winterton, near Scunthorpe. The pills are used to treat malaria.

17 HURT IN BEIRUT

Seventeen people were wounded as warring militias fired mortars and bullets into residential areas of Beirut for the 20th day yesterday.—UPI.

Terror threat—P6.

'Tribal voting' gives Sinn Fein 59 seats

By COLIN BRADY in Belfast

ULSTER Unionists last night forecast bitter divisions in local administration in Northern Ireland after district council elections in which Sinn Sinn Fein won 59 of the 566 seats at stake, assuring the future as its leader of Mr Gerry Adams who argued that it should use the ballot as well as the Armalite rifle.

The main Loyalist groupings, the Official Unionist party and the rival, the Democratic Unionist party, emerged as the biggest single political bloc in Northern Ireland with their combined support exceeding 70 per cent.

Sinn Fein, the Provisional IRA's legal political front, the Roman Catholic community whittled away opposition within although the Social Democratic and Labour party won more seats.

As counting closed last night, the position was: Official Unionist party 190 seats; Democratic Unionist party 142; Social Democratic and Labour pty 101; Sinn Fein 59; Alliance 54; Others 40.

No collaboration

Mr James Molyneaux, leader of the Official Unionists, emphasised a policy of non-co-operation with Sinn Fein. He said: "We will not collaborate in any way, or enter into any arrangements, with any Sinn Fein councillors.

The Rev. Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionists, said: "We will carry out our mandate to smash Sinn Fein in the councils. In councils where Sinn Fein have a majority they will not get positions, inside or outside the chamber."

BAN STAYS

London view

OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT writes: Despite the seat gains made by Sinn Fein, ministers last night did not regard the political map in Northern Ireland as having changed.

Government policy, it was said, would remain, meaning that ministers would still refuse to talk to Sinn Fein until the group condemn violence by the IRA, although officials could continue meeting representatives with points to raise on behalf of constituents.

The unionist balance of power was also regarded as unchanged.

The results, it was said, would not influence the timing of the next Summit between Mrs Thatcher and Dr Fitzgerald, the Irish Prime minister.

Boost for Adams—Back Page

GLC BAN ON FENCE

CHELSEA Football Club has been ordered to take down the electrified wiring on top of its 12ft perimeter fence.

Greater London Council's public safety committee yesterday voted 7-2 to reject an application to install the wiring, already erected but never switched on. It must now be removed before the next game.

Mr Simon Turney, committee chairman, said that following the Bradford disaster "the public safety arguments outweighed the anti-hooligan ones."

EVERTON GOING FOR TREBLE

Football League champions Everton, who on Wednesday won the European Cup-Winners Cup in Rotterdam, go for an unprecedented treble today when they play Manchester United in the FA Cup final at Wembley.

Donald Saunders—P31.

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TWO WOMEN DIE

Two women died after incident at Colegrave Road, Stratford, East London. Man believed suffering from drugs overdose under arrest at Whipps Cross Hospital, Leytonstone.

GULF ATTACK

Iraq claimed to have hit naval target near Iran's Gulf oil terminal.

SOLICITING BILL REVIVED

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

FINES up to £2,000 could be imposed on drivers who solicit women in their cars under a Private Member's Bill which received a Third Reading in the Commons yesterday.

The Bill, from Miss Janet Fookes, Conservative MP for Plymouth Drake, achieved a spectacular resurrection when extra time to debate it was found. If it has a safe passage through the Lords it could be law before the summer.

Last week it had been widely accepted that her Bill had been effectively talked out by opposition from two Conservative MPs, Mr Matthew Parris (Derbyshire West) and Mr Anthony Marlow (Northampton North).

After intense lobbying by Whips opponents of the measures were won around and agreed to let the Bill through.

Frightening manners

Under the Bill's terms, men who solicit women for prostitution in their cars will receive fines of up to £400, and if they do so in a frightening manner the penalty could be £2,000.

It will also raise the maximum sentence for attempted rape from seven years to life imprisonment.

Last night, Miss Fookes, who was in her constituency in the belief her Bill would not be revived, said: "I really thought the Bill was as good as dead. It will not only bring a great deal of relief to women who suffer from kerb-crawling, but it will also deal with the very serious offence of attempted rape."

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500 STEEL JOBS GO IN TAKEOVER

About 500 steel jobs are to go in Manchester and Birkenhead as a result of a takeover by Allied Steel and Wire of Manchester Steel, which was owned by Elkem, a Norwegian metals firm.

Only 150 of Manchester Steel's workforce will remain, with 300 redundancies in Bidston on Merseyside and 200 at the rod mill in Manchester. Elkem blamed the world glut of steel and Manchester Steel's lack of profitability for its decision to sell the company.

Today's Weather

GENERAL SITUATION: Shallow low over Britain will move S.

LONDON, MIDLANDS, CEN. S., S.E., S.W. ENGLAND, E. ANGLIA, S. WALES: Dry start, sunny periods, showers developing later. Wind N.E. light or moderate. Max. 70F (21C), cooler near exposed coasts.

E., N. ENGLAND: Rain in places. Wind E., light increasing moderate. 61F (16C).

CHANNEL Is. N. IRELAND: Mostly dry, sunny periods, perhaps thundery showers later. Wind N. E., moderate or fresh. 64F (18C).

S. NORTH SEA, ENG. CH. (E.): Wind N.E., force 4 or 5. Sea moderate.

STRAIT OF DOVER: N.E., 3 occasionally 6-7. Moderate or rough.

ST GEORGE'S CH: N., 1-3 or 4. Slight.

IRISH SEA: Variable becoming N., to N.E. 1-3 or 4. Slight.

OUTLOOK: Heavy showers in S., mostly dry, sunny in N.

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HUMIDITY FORECAST

London	55(55)	60(45)	95(80)
Birmingham	65(50)	60(60)	95(100)
Manchester	60(40)	55(35)	95(95)
Newcastle	65(60)	75(60)	85(95)

Yesterday's figures in brackets.

Inflation rate surges to 6·9 per cent

By FRANCIS WILLIAMS Economics Correspondent

THE yearly rate of inflation surged last month to 6·9 per cent. from 6·1 per cent. in March, reaching its highest level since September 1982.

Higher mortgage rates, Budget tax increases on drink and tobacco, rent and rate rises and a host of smaller price increases were to blame for a 2·1 per cent. jump in prices in April, the steepest monthly increase for four years.

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Ministers moved swiftly in speeches yesterday to limit the damage the unexpected leap in inflation poses to the credibility of the Government's economic strategy, which has the reduction of inflation as its centrepiece.

They are banking on the benefits of a stronger pound and some fall in mortgage rates to put inflation back on track in the second half of 1985.

Brighter news

The news on inflation overshadowed some encouraging figures on industrial production which showed total output in March at its highest level for five years. Manufacturing production in the first quarter was up by nearly three per cent. from 12 months earlier.

The City reacted calmly. Shares and Government stocks drifted lower, with the FT 30-share index closing 4·2 down at 1008·3. The pound finished London trading 39 points higher at $1·2647.

The sudden increase in inflation, after two years or so when it had bobbed around 5 per cent., presents severe problems for the Government's handling of the economy.

Ministers are desperately anxious to ensure that what they believe is a temporary blip in the inflation rate is not used by workers as justification for higher pay settlements, now running at

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U.S. INTEREST RATE CUT

The United States Federal Reserve Board acted yesterday to revive the American economy by cutting its discount interest rate from eight per cent. to 7.5 per cent., the lowest level in nearly seven years.

The action seemed designed to boost economic activity by encouraging the banks to trim the rates they charge on consumer loans.—Reuter.

MID-TERM PROBLEMS INCREASE

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

ANOTHER rise in inflation compounded the mid-Parliament problems for the Prime Minister and the Cabinet yesterday as they tried to counter dissent from some Tory MPs and declining ratings in public opinion polls.

Opposition leaders claimed that the rise in inflation—from 6·1 to 6·9 per cent. in April—was further evidence of Government policies being out of control.

Members of the new Tory MPs' pressure group, Conservative Centre Forward, which is led by Mr Francis Pym, saw the figure as reinforcing their calls for a change of economic policies.

Conservative and Opposition MPs alike saw the prices rise as putting extra doubt on the Prime Minister's recent statement in an interview that inflation would be down to three per cent. by the next election, which is up to three years away.

Worse than expected

Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, tacitly admitted that yesterday's figure was—like the unemployment total last month—worse than the Cabinet had expected.

He said in a speech to the Institute of Directors in Leicester: "In my Budget speech I warned that inflation was likely to edge up during the first half of the year, before falling back again in the second half.

"This is still my firm expectation. The figure announced today of 6·9 per cent for April is indeed, far too high for comfort. But, if we exclude the

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OWEN 'DRUNK ON AMBITION' SAYS KINNOCK

By VALERIE ELLIOTT Political Staff

MR KINNOCK yesterday made a virulent attack on the S D P/Liberal Alliance and accused Dr Owen, the S D P leader, of possessing "an ego fat on arrogance and drunk on ambition."

It was Mr Kinnock's most forthright public denunciation of the S D P which he dismissed as a party "without policy, principle or purpose."

He said: "All they have is a sort of movable Question Time programme where the answers are determined by the latest fad and current fashion, where only inconsistency is consistent and equivocation is firm."

Mr Kinnock, who delivered his attack at a rally of the Welsh Labour party in Llandudno, denied that it represented a major change of tactics.

It was evident, however, that the Labour party is concerned by the recent Gallup poll published in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH which showed that the Alliance was only half a per cent. behind the Labour party in standing in the country. He was also no doubt eager to put in a bid for Labour at the forthcoming Brecon and Radnor by-election.

'Leading actor'

He described the Alliance as "liquid grief that slips and slides to the lowest level of responsibility."

He dubbed Dr Owen "the leading actor, scriptwriter, sceneshifter and make-up artist of the S D P." Recalling the words of Aneurin Bevan, he said: "Political renegades always start their career of treachery as the 'best men of all parties' and end up in the Tory knackery."

Mr Kinnock accused the Alliance of always wishing the ends but never willing the means and said: "We will. That is what marks the essential difference between social democracy and democratic socialism."

Mr Kinnock stressed, howevr, that the Labour party was still in the business of getting rid of the Conservative Government and went on to claim that the forthcoming social security review prepared by Mr Fowler, Social Services Secretary, "would divide the whole country, impoverish the whole country and offend against the decency of the whole country."

'Brutal attack'

He said the proposals envisaged by the Government were not just another sortie against the standards of the Welfare State but "a full-scale assault on the state of well-being of people right across the country."

Mr Kinnock recalled his warning in a speech delivered during the last General Election campaign before he was elected party leader.

"If Mrs Thatcher wins, I warn you not to be ordinary. I warn you not to be young. I warn you not to fall ill, I warn you not to grow old," he said then.

Yesterday he added: "I believed then that the warning would be fulfilled, but that the Tories would be subtle and sly in their policies. I thought that the theft of rights would be by embezzlement rather than by daylight larceny.

"I was wrong. The change is not subtle, it is brutal. It is not sly, it is savage."

Owen's pension plans 'would mean hardship'

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

PROPOSALS to make women wait for a State earnings-related pension until they are 65, five years after their retirement age, were angrily attacked by the Equal Opportunities Commission yesterday.

The proposal was put forward by Dr Owen, S D P leader, as one way of cutting the cost of State earnings-related pensions—Serps—which the Government is planning to abolish.

A spokesman for the commission said they were in favour of equalising the age of retirement—now 65 for men and 60 for women—but not at the cost of worsening the position for women.

"We would certainly not be in favour of making women wait for their Serps pension until 65 when an employer can require them to retire at 60.

"The proposal would condemn many women to five years of hardship while they were waiting to qualify for the earnings related pension."

Other changes suggested by Dr Owen to cut the cost of Serps would further worsen the pension entitlements of women.

Under existing Serps rules, a widow continues to receive her husband's earnings-related pension after his death. Dr Owen suggested she should no longer qualify for her husband's pension if she received a Serps pension in her own right.

Similar proposals

The Equal Opportunities Commission said that men and women should be given equal treatment over the age of retirement by setting 63 as the common retirement age.

But both men and women should be given the opportunity of retiring at 60 on a slightly reduced pension or the chance of working until 65 and receiving a slightly enhanced pension.

Similar proposals have been put forward by the all-party Social Services Committee but the Government has decided against an early change in the retirement age because of the high cost of doing so.

PENSIONS PROMISE BY BIFFEN

By Our Political Correspondent

MR BIFFEN, Leader of the Commons, yesterday started a Cabinet campaign to convince the electorate that the forthcoming review of the Welfare State will not be as painful as Opposition politicians claim or many Tory M Ps fear.

He gave a guarantee that the basic state pension would be "preserved wholly."

Referring to the expected phasing out of the State earnings-related Pensions scheme, he said there would also be "additional pension provision that does not create irresponsible burdens for future generations to bear."

Addressing the Somerset Monday Club in Taunton, Mr Biffen said the proposals—to be set out in a Green Paper early next month — "would seek to redress recent heavy emphasis upon current public spending."

They would also "evoke a response from those Conservatives who have argued for additional capital public spending."

Butler's tradition

He added: "Indeed, by many judgments, the Green Paper is likely to be in the mainstream of post-war Tory social policy represented by Rab Butler."

It would also include "fine proposals that would set the review alongside past major reforms identified with Beveridge and Lloyd Georg."

But Mr Biffen acknowledged

Sir Keith Joseph, Education Secretary, making his way yesterday through a group of City of London Polytechnic students who were protesting against the Government's education policies. Sir Keith had paid an informal visit to staff and students at the Moorgate college.

'MIRROR' PRINT SHUTDOWN

By GRAHAM JONES

MR ROBERT MAXWELL, publisher of the DAILY MIRROR, told union leaders yesterday he plans to shut down the company's printing plant at Holborn Circus by July 1, 1987.

The group's three main titles, the DAILY MIRROR, the SUNDAY MIRROR and the SUNDAY PEOPLE will transfer to a new plant yet to be designated under the auspices of the British Newspaper Printing Corporation, a subsidiary of Mr Maxwell's British Printing and Communications Corporation set up in 1982.

Mr Maxwell told the unions colour printing was "a priority" and he hoped to minimise job losses.

The switch means Mr Maxwell has fully picked up the gauntlet thrown by two rival proprietors, Mr Rupert Murdoch, who plans a new 24-hour newspaper selling first in London and then the provinces, called the POST, and Mr Eddie Shah, who plans a low-cost colour daily paper produced in a number of provincial centres.

The cost of the move is estimated at between £80 million and £100 million.

4,000 print workers

A total of 4,000 print workers are employed at Holborn Circus but there were denials yesterday these jobs were all at risk.

The new Maxwell plan, which will be revealed in detail on Sunday, provides for printing to continue of the DAILY MIRROR and SUNDAY MIRROR at Withy Grove, Manchester, currently owned by Thomson Withy Grove, subject to a reduction in manning levels of 1,000 print workers.

Negotiations are continuing there for a transfer to Mirror Group ownership by January next year including the printing of northern editions of the SUNDAY PEOPLE currently produced on DAILY MAIL presses in Deansgate, Manchester.

8 COMPETE FOR NUJ POST

By Our Industrial Staff

Eight candidates are to contest the election for the general secretaryship of the National Union of Journalists vacated by Mr Kenneth Ashton, who took early retirement earlier this year after a dispute over his pension entitlements.

The 34,000 members are to be polled in a secret postal ballot which will run for six weeks from June 10. Counting will be supervised by the Electoral Reform Society.

The candidates are: Mr Eddie Barrett, former N U J president; Mr Colin Bourne, regional organiser, North of England; Mr Harry Conroy, executive member and former president; Mr Jacob Ecclestone, deputy general secretary; Mr John Foster, national organiser for broadcasting; Mr Garry Morton, national organiser for provincial newspapers; Mr Bob Norris, assistant secretary; Mr Steve Turner, former Father of the N U J Chapel at the DAILY MIRROR.

Black-list of A-levels for university entrance

By MARGOT NORMAN Education Staff

THE universities have given sixth-formers a warning that some A-level subjects will not win them a university place however good the grades.

You may be tempted to think that because many subjects are designated as A-levels, they are all of equal status," says the new schools' pamphlet on A-level choice from the Standing Conference on University Entrance, the universities' official voice on admissions.

"You need to realise that, as George Orwell said of the animals in "Animal Farm," some are more equal than others."

The pamphlet broadly endorses the controversial warning about "soft option" A-levels given by Mr Brian Heap, the acknowledged expert on qualifications for university entrance, which provoked such a furore in the correspondence columns of this newspapers and elsewhere.

In general, sixth-formers who want to get into university should steer clear of "unconventional" A-levels like computer science, electronics, design and technology, human biology and home economics, and stick to traditional ones like mathematics and physics, says the committee.

Virtually outlawed

Technical and vocational subjects, especially those involving a strong element of practical skill, have been virtually outlawed by the universities.

This includes not only home economics but also electronics and computer science. These three might be accepted as a third A leel, but even an aspiring electronics student is likely to find "a traditional arts subject such as English or a foreign language" more "bankable" with admission tutors than electronics.

"In general you should not regard these subjects as leading towards university," the pamphlet says. As a general rule of thumb, aspiring sociologists need mathematics or statistics at A level, not sociology, f ood scientists need chemistry, not home economics, lawyers need general humanities like history and English, not law, and so on.

Basic subjects

"Many universities simply want to be sure that students have a good grounding in basic subjects which they can take for granted before they start specialising in, say, law," commented Dr Clive Wake, secretary of the standing conference.

"Some feel that politics, law, economics and so on are subjects best started at university level, not earlier.

"The advice we are giving is in the students' best interests. We are desperately keen to make sure that people come to university properly prepared for their chosen course."

("Choosing A-levels for University": available from Standing Conference on University Entrance, 29, Tavistock Square, London, WC1H 9EZ).

LEGION TESTS NEGATIVE

By DAVID FLETCHER Health Services Correspondent

TESTS to try to find the source of the outbreak of Legionnaires' Disease in Stafford have failed and its cause may never be known, health authorities stated yesterday.

Scientists from the Communicable Disease Surveillance Centre at Colindale have taken samples of soil from around Stafford District General Hospital in the hope of finding legionella bacteria.

They have also taken dust from air-conditioning ducts, but they have failed to find any trace of the organism in the hospital's water-cooling towers where it was thought the outbreak originated.

Towers cleaned

Mr James Bartlett, health authority manager for Mid-Staffordshire, said: "The source may never be known. It may never the proved in the sense that there is firm forensic evidence to show it was there by means of laboratory tests."

Despite the failure to locate the source of the outbreak, health officials still believe it originated in the water-cooling towers, which have now been cleaned and chlorinated to prevent further infection.

Almost all those who have suffered from the disease are known to have visited the hospital before the outbreak and the number of people showing suffered from the disease are fallen steadily since the water towers were treated.

BLUETHROATS GONE

Improved weather has led to the disappearance of most of the bluethroats, unusual migrant birds which invaded Britain's East coast earlier this week because of adverse north-east winds on their migration from Africa to Scandinavia.

AIDE FOR MINISTER

By Our Political Staff

Mr Robert Hayward, 36, Conservative M P for Kingswood, has been appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister for Consumer Affairs, it was announced yesterday.

More councils back teachers as strike hit-list grows

By JOHN IZBICKI Education Correspondent

NEARLY 150 schools in Norfolk, Shropshire and Staffordshire gained last-minute dispensation from teachers' strikes last night when the authorities bowed to union pressure and supported their claims for more money.

Norfolk became the third Tory-controlled authority to back an improved pay deal. Shropshire, too, was Conservative dominated but became "hung" after the recent county elections.

With 42 authorities now siding with the teachers, National Union of Teachers' leaders were last night expecting Somerset also to sign their six-point "model statement" on the dispute.

825 schools

If it does so, its schools will be deleted from the list below, the longest yet in the tenth week of selective strikes ordered by the NUT, which will order 12,500 teachers to strike at 825 schools in 43 areas of England and Wales next week.

About 500,000 pupils will be affected.

Schools affected by the NUT strikes (an asterisk denotes repeat action) are:

Northants: Tues. to Thur.: Falconers Hill Inf. S. and JS*, Braunstone CEPS, Abbey JS*, Daventry, Southbrook JS* and Comp.*, Grange Comp*, Daventry S*, Grange JS Daventry.

Wed. and Thur.: Middleton Cheney PS*, Kingsbrook S*, Magdalen Coll S*, Sponne S*, Chenderit S*.

Notts: Tues to Thur.: Fairfield PS, D Sycourt Comp, St Peter's CE JS Ruddington, James Peacock Inf S, Willow Farm PS, Redhill Comp, Central Jm S and Carlton S, Trent Vale Inf S Beeston Rylands, William Lilley Inf S, Porchester JS, North Border Inf S, Priory JS, Netherfield Inf S and JS, Cotgrave Inf S, Hinchfields PS, Newstead Abbey Gates PS, Carlton le Willows Comp, Hartlands Comp*, Tuxford Comp and PS.

Ollerton Inf S, Manvers Pierrepont Comp, Ellis-Guilford Comp, Raywood Comp*, Bonington Inf S and JS, Southwark JS, Walter Halls PS, Woodlands S Nottingham, Dukeries Comp, Manor Comp Mansfield, Birklands P S, Hillocks P S, Springfield F S.

Tues. only: Forest Fields 6th Fm Coll.

Leics: Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings: Countesthorpe Coll*, Bosworth Coll*, Winstanley HS & Comm Coll*, High S Nuneaton*, Brockington Coll*, Lewland HS*, Thomas Estley Comm Coll*, Gartree HS*.

All day Tues. and mornings Wed. and Thurs.: New Parks S, Alderman Newton's S.

Tues. only: King Edward VII Coll*, Castle Rock HS*, Newbridge HS*, Grammar S, Ashby-de-la-Zouch*, Ivanhoe HS & Comm Coll*, Ingleburst JS, Dovelands JS, Holy Cross RC PS, Hazel PS, Granby PS, Newry JS, Southfields Inf S, Mayflower JS*, Linden PS*, Grammar S & Coll, Lutterworth*.

Mornings Tues. and Thurs: Rind Leys Coll, High S, Loughborough.

Wed. only: Abingdon HS.

HEREFORD AND WORCS: Wed. to Fri.: Frankley Comm HS, Westacre MS, Rigby Hall Spec S, Comberton First, St John's CE MS, Harry Cheshire HS, Haybridge H, Bewdley HS, Ridgeway MS, St Peter's CE MS, Abbey HS, St Nicholas CE, Overbury CE First, Evesham HS, S Bromsgrove HS, Bromsgrove CE MS, Cookley Sebright First, Hagley MS, Sion Hill MS, Hagley RC HS, St Barnabas CE First, Ravens Bank First, St Stephen's CE MS, St Bede's RC MS, St Augustine's RC HS, Pershore HS, Prince Henry's HS, Simon de Montfort M.

Tues. and Wed.: King Charles I HS.

SOLIHULL: Wed. only: Alcott Hall J & I, Alderbrook Sec, Archbishop Grimshaw Sec, Arden Sec, Balsall PS, Bennette's Well J & I, Bosworth Wood I and JS, Castle Bromwich JS, Chapel Fields PS, Coleshill Heath JS, Coppice JS, Culey Green Sec, Heart of England Sec, Keepers Lodge PS, Kingshurst I and Sec, Langley Sec, Light Hall Sec, Lode Heath Sec, Lyndon Sec, Malvern Hall Sec, Marston Green JS, Mill Lodge PS, Oak Cottage J & I, Our Lady of the Wayside RC J & I, Park Hall Sec, Sharmans Cross Sec and JS, Shirley Heath JS, Simon Digby Sec, Sixth Form Coll, Smith's Wood Sec, St Andrew's RC PS, St Anthony's RC PS, St Peter's RC Sec, Tudor Grange Sec, Ulverley J & I, Whateley F, Whitesmore Sec, Widney JS, Woodlands IS, Yorkswood PS.

Walsall: Wed only: Abbey JMI PS, Albion Road JM CP, Aldridge Comp, Alumwell Comp JM and Inf S, Beacon JM and Inf S, Beechdale JMI, Bentley West JMI, Birchills CE Inf S, Bloxwich CE JMI, Blue Coat CE Comp, Brownhills Comp, Christ Church CE JMI, Chuckery Inf S, Croft St JMI, Darlaston Comp, Dorothy Purcell JM, Edgar Stammers JM and Inf S, Frank F Harrison Comp S, Hatherton La JM, Joseph Leckie Comp, Leamore JMI, Manor Farm Comp, Moxley JM, N Walsall Inf S, Oxley Hay JM, Pelsall JM, Pelsall Comp, Pool Hayes Comp, Priory JMI, Ryders Hayes JMI, Salisbury JMI, Sheffield Comp, Shire Oak Comp, Sneyd Comp, St Thomas More RC, Streetly High Comp, T P Riley Comp, Willenhall Comp.

Warwicks. Tues, Wed and Thurs: Manor Pk Sec, Abbey CE First, Comp Hill MS, St James CE MS, Grove Farm First, Atherstone Sec, Polesworth MS, Queens CE MS, Swimmerton MS, Park Hill MS, St John's MS Wemyss First, Woodloes First, St Mary's RC PS, Goodyers End MS, Croft MS, Kingsbury Comp, St Giles MS, Milby MS, Exhall Sec, Polesworth Sec, Kingsbury First, Abbey Hall Kenilworth Sec, Priors Field PS, Aylesford Sec, Newburgh MS, Woodloes MS, Manor Hall Sec.

ESSEX: No days given: Long Ridings City PS, Westcliffe Boys, St Thomas More, Southend Girls, Belfairs Girls, Nazeing PS, Maundswood PS, Potter St Jnrs Harlow, Castle View Sec, Furtherwick Sec, Harwick S, Manningtree S Philip Morant S, St Martin's S Doddinghurst CE Jrs, St Mary's CE S, Writtle City Jrs, anbury Park City PS, Wroxwell CE, BS, Burnham CPS, Gt Torham CBS, Plume S, Rickstones S, Royal Grammar S, Colchester, Peverell Jrs, Gable Hall.

St Osyth's, Calverthouse, St Cleres, Purfleet, Thameside, Palmers 6th Fm Coll, St Cedd's, Torells, Hassenbrook, Woodside, Aveley, Wm Edwards, Tilbury Manor JS, Melbourne Park CPS, King's Rd City Jrs, Buckhurst HS, Ongar Comp, Herewards PS, Colbayns HS, Lees, Lyobisher CPS, Bavenscroft CPS.

SUFFOLK: No days given: Westgate PS, Bacton MS, Beyton MS, Stowmarket HS, Hartismere HS, Bungay HS, Stoke by Nayland MS, Wells Hall PS, Gt Cornard MS, Maidstone Inf S, Grange PS, Farlingaye HS, Debes HS, Lothingland MS, Holbrook HS, Westbourne HS, Stoke HS, Thurlstone HS, Downing PS, St John's PS, Whitehouse Jrs, Clifford Road PS, Gusford PS, Castle Hill Js, East Bergholt HS, Orwell JS, Chantry HS.

Herts: No days guide: Cassiobury JMS, Kingsway Inf S and JMS, Westfield Sec, Queens S, Adeyfield Sec, Broadfield JMS, Halsey Sec, Rossgate JMI S, Goffs S, St Mary's HS, Cheshunt S, Turnford S, Langley Bury Sec, Mayland Inf S.

Hants: No days given: Portway JS, Rowan Way PS, Knights Enham JS, John Hanson Sec, Harroway Sec, Testborne Sec, Houndsdown Sec, Abbotswood MS, Hythe PS, Wildground JS, Oakland Sec, Crookhorne Sec, Horndean Sec, Oak Park Sec, Havant, Mill Rythe MS, Mengham MS, Emsworth MS, Wecock MS, Yately Sec, Robert May Sec, Tavistock Inf S, Oak Farm Sec.

Hillingbury JS, Wyvern Sec, Mountbatten Sec, Romsey Sec, Romsey Abbey PS, Brune Park Sec, Grange JS, Gosport, Peel Common JS, Mill Chase Sec, Sheet PS, Lis JS, Newlands First & MS, Holy Family RC F & MS, Glenfield First, Glenair Sec, Weston Park Girls' Sec, St Marks CE MS, Oakwood MS, Townhill MS, Bitterne Pk Sec MS, Merry Oak S.

Surrey: 3 days not specified: Oxted CS, Holland CM S, Warwick S, Woodhatch S, St Bede's CE/RC S, Springvale CMS, Furzefield CMS, Holmesdale CPS, Bishop David Brown S.

East Sussex: No days given: Longhill HS, Brighton.

West Sussex: Tues., Wed. and Thurs: Bewbush First, Desmond Anderson First, Gossops Green CJ S, Holy Cross RC Inf S, Holy Trinity CE, Ifield S, Milton Mount C F & MS, Northgate CF & CMS, Southgate CM S, Southgate West CM S, Bishop Bell CM S.

Kent: Tues, Wed & Thurs: West Sec S for Boys, Dartford, Downs S, St Mary's CE J Swanley.

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CPS (Inf dept), Wakeley CJ S, Howard

Wed only: Byron CP S, Hempstead S, Rainham S for Girls, Upbury Manor, Rainham Mark GS.

Thur only: Mascalls S, Ridgeways S, Roch Christie Sec, Cage Green CP S (Inf dept), Sorne Gardens S (Spec), Bishops Down CP S, Comp, Hartcliffe Comp, Whitehouse

AVON: No days given: Henstove JMI, Falford Sec, Fair Furlong JMI, Withywood Comp, Novers Lane JS, Novers Lane Inf, Monk Park Comp, Portway Comp, St Bede's Comp, Shirehampton JS, Bedminster Down Comp, Parson Street JMI, Hishridge Inf S, Ilminster Ave JS, St Bernadette Comp and JM, West Town La InfS, Gorham Sec, Fairfield Sec, Bishop Rd JMI, Baptist Mills Inf S, Sefton Pk JS, Speedwell Comp, Hillfields Pk JS.

May Pk PS, Air Balloon Hill JMS, Two Mile Hill InfS & JS, Riding HS Avonwood, Beacon Rise Inf S, Broadway Inf S, Bromley Heath JS, Christchurch CE PS, Manor CE PS Avonwood, St Mary's CE Thornbury, Stoke Lodge Olveston CE PS, Park CP S Avonwood, Inf S and JS, Wick CE S, Poplars Spec, Stokesbrook Spec, Broadoak Comp, Yatton JS, Grove JS, Worle Comp.

DORSET: No days given: Weymouth GS, Westhaven JS, Broadway Sec, All Saints Sec, St John's CE S, Merley First.

SOMERSET: No days given: St John's PS Highbridge, Sydenham Sec, Sedgemoor JS, Blue S Wells, Elmhurst JS Street, Martock PS, Grass Royal JS, Maiden Beech MS, Courtfield Sec, St Augustine of Canterbury, Ladymead Sec, Williton Danesfield MS, Minehead MS, Priorswood PS, North Town PS.

OXON: No days given: Stockham PS, Vale of White Horse, Fitzwarren Spec, Shrivenham PS, Farringdon Sec, E Hanney CEPS, Longfields PC, Bicester, St Mary's PS, Brookside PS, Bicester Sec, Warriner Sec, Banbury.

WILTS: No days given: Kingdown Comp, Ridgeway Comp, St Lawrence Comp, John of Gaunt Sec, Clarendon Sec, George Ward Sec.

BERKS: No days given: Alfred Sutton PS, Caversham Pk PS, Coley PS, George Palmer JS, Hill PS, Reading, Micklands PS, Moorlands PS, Ridgeway PS, Springfield PS, St John's PS, Reading, Geoffrey Field Inf S, Caversham PS, Marden Enleigh Comp.

POWYS: Tues. and Thurs.: Welshpool HS, Maesydre PS, Carreghofa PS, Gwmaerog Inf S, Llanfair Caereinion HS & PS.

Wed. only: Pontneathvaughan J & I, Penycae, Coelbren, Cwrhopkin, Pathon, Cynlais, Glantwd, Gurnos JS & Inf S, Cwmtwrch JS, Maesydderwen Comp Abercrave J & I, Ynyfordwyn J & I, Caerswf J & I, Halfren J & I, Maesyrhandir J & I, Ladywell Green Inf S, Trefforest J & I, Newtown Comp, Treowen J & I, Aberhafesh J & I, Ysgol Cedewain, Llanfyllin HS, Llanidloes Comp and PS, Trefeglwys PS, Oakley Park PS.

BARKING: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Dagenham Priory Comp, Erkenwald Comp, Mayesbrook Comp, Dorothy Barley JS, Warren JS, Beam PS, Valence Inf S.

BARNET: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Bishop Douglas RC Comp, Christ's Coll Upper, English Lang Teaching Serv, Britannia Rd, English Lang Teaching Serv, Woodcroft, Chalgrove JMI, Coppetts Wood JMI, Garden Suburb Inf, Rollswood JMI, Holly Pk JMI, Wansmide JMI, Moss Hall JS, Northside JMI.

BEXLEY: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Bedonwell PS, Crawford Sec, Erith Sec, Howbury Grange Tech Coll, St Mary & St Joseph RC Sec, Westwood Sec.

BROMLEY: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Charles Darwin Sec, Coopers, Kelsey Pk for Boys, Langley Pk for Boys, Gray's Farm PS, Midfield PS, Warren PS.

CROYDON: Wed. and Thurs.: Applegarth JS, Ecclesbourne JS, Gilbert Scott JS, Granville JMI, Ridgeway JS, Purley Oaks JMI, St Mark's JMI, Edenham HS, Selhurst Manor HS, Lanfranc HS, Norbury Manor Boys' HS, Riddlesdown S, St Joseph's Coll, St Mary's RC HS.

EALING: Wed. and Thurs.: Botham CE M, Wood End MS, Dormers Wells HS, Acton HS, Cardinal Wiseman RC HS, Ravenor First and MS, N. Ealing F & MS, Ravelock First, Mayfield First, Barnarmie MS.

KINGSTON: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Burlington Inf, Latchmere Inf, Burlington JS, Malden Manor PS, Malden Parochial CE PS, St Agatha's RC PS, Tudor, Tolworth Girls, Tiffin Girls, Southborough Boys.

MERTON: Tues., Wed. and Thurs.: Dundonald PS, Garfield PS, Haslemere PS, Malmesbury PS, Merton Pk PS, Pelham PS, Sherwood PS, Singlegate PS, Bushey MS, Cranmer MS, Gorringe Pk MS, Hillcross MS, Liberty MS, Malmesbury MS, Morden Farm MS, Priory CE MS, St Catherine's RC MS, Stanford MS, William Morris MS, Wimbledon Chase MS.

WALTHAM FOREST: Tues & Wed.: Rorry Maynard Inf, Selwyn JS, Woodside JS, Whitehall JMI, Thomas Gamuel JMI, George Mitchell Boys, Heathcote HS, Kelmscott HS, Rush Croft HS, Warwick Girls, William Fitt HS.

Pit deputies dig in for long haul over closures dispute

By MAURICE WEAVER, Industrial Staff

THE pit deputies' overtime ban which is expected to stop maintenance and repair work at coalmines this weekend, was described yesterday as a tragedy by the Coal Minister, Mr David Hunt.

He said during a visit to Ellington colliery in Northumberland that it would be a "needless setback" to the industry's recovery prospects after the year-long strike.

But last night there were no signs that the Coal Board or the deputies' union Nacods plan moves to end their stand-off about pit closures.

Without the deputies to supervise them, miners will be unable to carry out their usual weekend maintenance tasks. The result is likely to be production hold-ups while the work is done on Monday instead.

The board, which called off yesterday's scheduled meeting with Nacods at which plans for a proposed new joint pit review procedure were to be discussed, says it will not talk to the union while the overtime ban continues.

Emergency closures

Mr Kenneth Sampey, the union president, replied: "We are ready to talk at any time. But the action goes on until we have satisfactory assurances about closure plans."

The dispute stems from the different interpretations placed by management and the 15,000-strong union on promises made last year in relation to how future pit closures would be decided in the wake of the N U M stoppage.

The union says it understood that all closures would be subjected to the revised review procedures, with its built-in independent assessment machinery, and complains that some closures have already gone ahead before the new system has been introduced.

The board argues that the "handful" of closures announced were emergencies, either in an economic or a safety sense, and could not wait until the new procedures are set up.

FEUD SON FAILS

Poll for father's post

A striking miner who refuses to speak to his father for breaking ranks during the pit stoppage has failed to win the union post taken away from the father.

Mr John Cunningham was voted out of office as N U M branch secretary at Ellington colliery after leading a return-to-work movement. His 29-year-old son John was one of four candidates for the post, but came bottom of the poll, it was announced last night.

His father, of Katharine Street, Ashington, is awaiting legal advice on whether he can contest the branch decision to vote him out.

What are they doing to embryos?

ENOCH POWELL'S Unborn Children (Protection) Bill has been blocked, but the moral questions raised by embryo research and fertility science remain as pressing as ever.

What sort of experiments are taking place, and why? Who are the people responsible, and how do they view their work?

Graham Turner has been touring the laboratories of Britain in search of answers to these perplexing questions. Part one of his report on what goes on in the labs appears in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow.

HEALTH REGION CREATES 916 JOBS

The East Anglian Health Region is to create 916 jobs before March next year, Mr John Edwards, regional spokesman, said in Cambridge yesterday.

The new expansion is part of a health service report which allowed the Eastern Counties "to concentrate on priority services." These include provision for the elderly, mentally handicapped and ill, community abusers and general health services, drug and solvert education.

Nursing and midwifery staff will have about 500 new posts. Other areas to benefit include pharmaceutical, therapy and medical staffing. New administrative posts will also be included bringing the total number of full-time jobs in the region's health esrvice to more than 30,000.

HOSPITAL FOOD POISONING INQUIRY ENDS

The public inquiry into the food poisoning epidemic which killed 19 patients at Stanley Royd Hospital, Wakefield, last summer ended yesterday after seven weeks. A final report may be ready for the Minister of Health by August.

The inquiry heard that salmonella was carried to the wards on roast beef possibly contaminated by frozen chicken. About 300 patients and staff were ill.

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Pay guard who knew raider's face were doomed

30 YEARS FOR MACHINE-GUN KILLER SOLDIER

By GEORGE TURNBULL

A SOLDIER was jailed for a minimum of 30 years yesterday for machine-gunning three comrades in a payroll robbery—a crime from which they never had any chance of emerging alive, and he never had any chance of getting away with.

The payroll escort all knew 31-year-old Cpl ANDREW WALKER, who ambushed them on a freezing January day in the lonely Pentland Hills south of Edinburgh. So they had to die.

But he killed them with a sterling sub-machinegun he had signed out of his camp armoury in his own name.

It left marks on the cartridge cases found at the murder scene which were as distinctive as any fingerprint.

Walker, 31, tried to claim that the killings were the work of the I R A.

But after a jury took only 90 minutes yesterday at Edinburgh High Court to convict him of murder, Lord Grieve jailed him for life with a recommended 30 years minimum.

He called the killings "brutal, callous and calculated." It was the longest recommended minimum sentence in Scotland in recent years.

Shaking his fist

Walker, small and dapper, stood to attention as the judge passed sentence.

But his composure broke for the first time as he was led from the dock. He shook his fist angrily at the jury as he passed their box.

During the three-week trial the court had heard of the agonising last minutes of the payroll guards after Walker climbed into the back of their Landrover outside the Royal Bank of Scotland in the small Lothian town of Penicuik on January 17.

Pte JOHN THOMSON, 23, was in the vehicle, waiting for relief Major DAVID CUNNINGHAM, 56, and Staff Sgt TERENCE HOSKER, 38, to bring out the £19,000 payroll for Glencorse Barracks, the infantry training depot near Edinburgh where Walker had been a small arms instructor until his transfer to Kirknewton, Lothian.

Police believe he then forced the party to drive away from the bank, and shot Sgt Hosker through the chest when he attempted to tackle him.

The Land-rover was ordered to a quiet country track off the A702, leading to a reservoir in the Pentland Hills.

At some point in the next three miles, with Thomson driving carefully on deep rutted snow and ice, Major Cunningham was shot through the head, the gun held to his right ear. The bullet went out through the side windscreen.

Blood from the two victims left a telltale track behind the vehicle before it halted at a deserted cottage in Flutterstone Glen.

Death in despair

Pte Thomson's last minutes were a nightmare. He was forced to unload his dead comrades from the Landrover, knowing that he had no chance of being left alive to give evidence. Then he was shot through the head.

The wound suggested he was resting his head on his arm in an attitude of despair, because the bullet came out through his forehead and arm.

Walker then shot Sgt Hosker again in the stomach. He wanted to make it look like an I R A execution.

But a senior police officer said: "We immediately thought we were looking for somebody with a military connection. The wounds were not the type we associate with ordinary criminals."

Major Cunningham had three children, Pte Thomson one son, Sgt Hosker was a bachelor.

Walker, a married Royal Scots N C O who had been mentioned in despatches in Ulster, claimed he had been visiting an ex-mistress in Edinburgh at the time of the killings.

But the ballistic evidence was damning. And Walker tightened the noose round his own neck while he was on remand when he tried to have a fellow prisoner smuggle a letter out of prison to his brother in Edinburgh, asking him to contact the Press to pretend the killings were the work of the I R A.

£2,000 in debt

In reality, money was the motive. At the end of 1984, £2,000 in debt, he ordered an £8,500 M G Maestro, claiming he would pay cash on delivery in February. At the same time he owed Access, the credit card company, £900.

He told his wife, Mary, 27, who lived in married quarters with his children, John, 7, and Cheryl, 4, that he had found a cache of stolen money in the Pentlands on one of his many solitary walks.

In fact he had been planning the payroll robbery for weeks. He first tried to pull it off in December when a bumper £50,000 Christmas payroll was picked up. But the escort escaped with their lives by parking at the front of the bank while he was waiting at the back.

Walker's army record was first-class. What he lacked in intelligence he made up for in enthusiasm. He had three tours of duty in Ulster and his great regret was that he never served in the Falklands.

But to his comrades he was a compulsive braggart, telling tall stories with himself as the star. He had no close friends and was generally unpopular.

He takes to his prison cell the secret of where the £19,000 blood-money is hidden. Police believe it is buried somewhere in the Pentlands. But only £100 has ever been recovered.

Cpl Andrew Walker, the triple killer who was sentenced to life imprisonment in Edinburgh yesterday, and on right the Land-Rover he waylaid to steal a £19,000 army payroll. Below: The three men, Walker shot down in the snow (from left) retired Major David Cunningham, Staff Sgt Terence Hosker and Pte John Thomson.

Princess who beat maids goes free

AN Arabian princess thrashed her maids with wire flex and a riding crop, scarring much of their bodies.

Princess SIMIYA ALSABAH yesterday admitted at Knightsbridge Crown Court two charges of wounding and two of assaulting two servants causing them actual bodily harm.

Like her sister, Faria, three months ago, she was given a six-month suspended jail sentence. She was also fined £500, with £250 costs, and was ordered to pay £2,750 to the two women.

Mr TIMOTHY LONGDALE, prosecuting, said the sisters, half-sisters of the Ruler of Kuwait, had spent their summers at a house in Bathurst Street, Bayswater, with their two illiterate maids, SAMSUL ARIFFA, 26, and LEXMI SWAMI, 45.

"The sisters consistently beat, whipped and ill-treated them," said Mr Longdale.

Mrs Swami, an Indian mother of three, was whipped all over her body with wire flex and a riding crop, which Simiya kept under her pillow.

The court saw colour photographs showing both women with blackened eyes and covered from head to foot with scars.

Mrs Ariffa, a Sri Lankan mother of two, was regularly beaten and once had her left eye injured when Simiya attacked her with a slipper.

Neither maid was given enough food, and the sisters put locks on the kitchen door to stop them from helping themselves. It was when Mrs Ariffa visited a local food store that the owners noticed the scars on her back and helped her to escape to the Sri Lankan Embassy.

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Six escape from Irish 'Alcatraz'

By A Dublin Correspondent

AN island jail's reputation as Ireland's "Alcatraz" was ruined yesterday as six prisoners sailed to freedom in rafts.

Five were recaptured within hours. The search is continuing for the sixth.

The jail for joyriders on Spike Island, off Cork, reopened six weeks ago as part of a government crackdown on car thieves.

The convicts escaped in two rafts used by workmen after breaking out of a dormitory window. They had climbed on to a roof and scaled the 18ft walls enclosing the prison compound.

New clothes

A security officer on a neighbouring island spotted the prisoners and tipped off the police. Some of the men had changed into new clothes when they were recaptured.

Prison officers who run the island were not aware of the escape until they were contacted by the police.

Police had claimed it was virtually impossible to escape from the prison once used as a detention centre for I R A terrorists.

The Cork Prison governor, Mr John Cotter, who is also governor of the island fortress, said that Spike Island was not yet a "fully-secure facility," and work was still going on to accommodate 200 prisoners.

The Prison Officers' Association accused the Justice Minister, Mr Michael Noonan, of using Spike Island as a dumping ground for high-security prisoners rather than joyriders.

Store killer jailed for life

By HEATHER MILLS

A MAN, desperate for money to see his girlfriend, who shot dead a woman cashier in a supermarket raid, was jailed for life at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Sentencing PAUL HANMORE, 26, of Sark House, Eastfields Road, Enfield, Mr JUSTICE OTTON said he was guilty of "an utterly callous murder." He had blasted Miss BEEBEE BHUGALOO in the face at point-blank range with a sawn-off shotgun during the £59 robbery.

Hanmore told relatives he had needed the money to go to see his girlfriend, Karen Hanmore, his first cousin.

He had shot Miss Bhugaloo, 31, a Mauritian woman, when she pulled off his robber's mask as he raided the Prestige supermarket, her brother's shop, in Hertford Road, Enfield, last June.

Guilty as sin' robber's sentence cut

By HEATHER MILLS Old Bailey Correspondent

JOHN MANGAN, a "professional" criminal, fought an Old Bailey robbery trial for two weeks before astonishing the jury by telling them: "I am as guilty as sin."

And his last-minute confession saved him a double-figure jail term.

Before sentencing 62-year-old Mangan to seven years, Judge CHARLES DEAN, Q C, told the ex-boxer: "You and I are the same age and we are also both experienced professionals. But we have fought our battles from opposite sides of the ring.

"If you had battled this case through and then been convicted I would have put you down for the full count of 10 years."

Mangan, of Viola Avenue, Bexley Wood, Kent, left the dock with a grin and a wave after giving some advice to the jury and a packed public gallery. "If you can't do the time, don't do crime," he said.

Mangan had been in the witness box describing his life to the jury and claiming he had been "fitted up" for several robberies when Mr PETER CLARKE, prosecuting, asked him to stop wasting time and tell the truth.

A few minutes later he held up his arms and said: "I confess."

Mangan admitted planning and carrying out seven armed robberies at supermarkets, post offices, and on security vans in North East London, Essex and Kent during the past five years.

He also admitted using a sawn-off shotgun and revolver with which he fired "warning" shots. The raids netted £80,000.

Mangan, who suffers from arthritis and a weak heart, said he had once been a "car washer" for the Kray twins and was a one-time friend of Diana Dors. He had been shot several times in the head during an underworld feud in 1972.

John Mangan on his way to prison yesterday.

Before being taken off to prison he told the court: "I stand here before you as a totally guilty man. I've spent years and years in prison. I've done wrong, and must be punished, but may I warn all youngsters not to ruin their lives by crime; it just doesn't pay."

Mr JOHN MORRIS, Q C, defending, said of Mangan: "There are not many armed robbers about at the age of 62, and Mangan realises he is at the end of the road. It has taken courage for him to put his hands up to these charges, and he does not want to waste the court's time any further."

SCARING WORK

More than 100 Birmingham boys answered a plea for live scarecrows at a fruit farm near Rochester, Kent. The five taken on by Mr Eddie Waltham, formerly a sales manager in Birmingham, will spend at least a month scaring birds out of the cherry orchard for £50 a week.

DAMAGES FOR INJURY THAT STOPS HUGGING

Mrs Monica Wilton, 33, a social worker, won £6,122 damages in the High Court yesterday for car crash injuries that stop her from hugging her three children. Her right breast was crushed in the accident in June, 1983, and despite silicon implants it remained changed in appearance and painful to the touch.

Mr Justice Hirst, who made the award, said: "It hurts when her children try to hug her and is troublesome in winter and when she goes swimming." It also caused difficulties with her sex life with her husband.

Mrs Wilson, of Tennyson Avenue, Hitchin, Herts, was injured in a head-on collision with a car driven by Miss Helen Arkwright, of Lintern Close, Hitchin, who had been drinking. Although not over the limit, the judge said she was to blame for the crash.

HUSBAND, 69, DIED IN SEX FROLIC

A 57-year-old woman who killed her pensioner husband during a sex frolic, walked free from Chelmsford Crown Court yesterday. Mrs Lorna Pachent, of Dudley Road, Earls Colne, Essex, was put on probation for two years after she was convicted of the manslaughter of Mr William Pachent, 69. The jury acquitted her of murder.

Mr Paul Purnell, Q C, prosecuting, said that Mrs Pachent deliberately suffocated her hypochondriac husband with a pillow in September last year. Mrs Pachent said her husband died during a sex game in which pillows were placed over his head.

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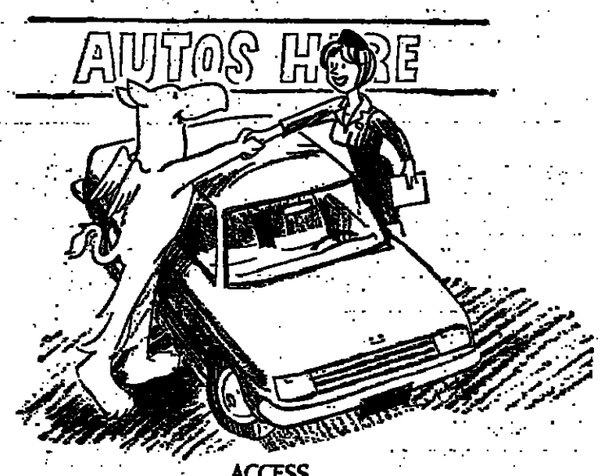

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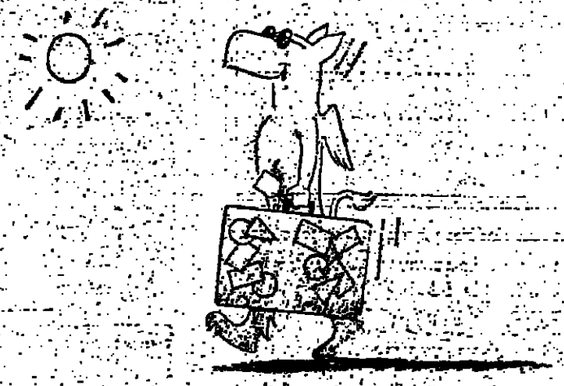

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CASH FREEZE IS WEINBERGER'S NATO PROBLEM

By RICHARD BEESTON in Washington

MR WEINBERGER, American Defence Secretary, says he is going to Europe for the Nato ministerial meeting next week with his task made "much more difficult," because of the latest Senate freeze on the American defence budget.

"The Nato allies, Japan and Korea will wonder why it is that, after years of our urging them to increase their defence contribution, we find it necessary to go back to a zero rate of increase," he said in an interview in his office at the Pentagon.

Mr Caspar Weinberger.

During the interview Mr Weinberger also voiced concern about Soviet moves to deploy its new mobile strategic nuclear missiles, and Russia's naval and air force build-up in Vietnam at the former United States Base at Cam Ranh Bay.

He declared that America's strategic defence initiative "should never be bartered away for anything."

Unwise steps

On the defence budget cutback voted by the Senate last week while President Reagan was in Europe, Mr Weinberger said the United States had been calling attention to the fact "that we think all nations should do more, including ourselves," to build up defence.

Until now, he said "we have been able to say we have done a great deal more. And we have argued very strongly that, in the absence of doing more, we would be giving a lot of ammunition to Congress to take such very unwise steps as pulling our troops out of Nato.

"But with our own Senate voting to go back to a zero rate of increase, except for inflation allowance, that will make my task much more difficult."

Mr Weinberger observed that the Senate vote was not a final vote—"unlike your good parliamentary system" he remarked, enviously. There were still more hurdles to pass, he said, and the results could be even worse.

He said that at the Nato meeting in Brussels next week the Nato allies would discuss not only the need to improve conventional military strength but changes and differences in tactics to make better utilisation of resources.

He said the practical effect of a zero defence budget for the United States if spread over five years would be the loss of about $300 billion (£258 billion), adding: "I think that would be very dangerous for our national security."

On the Geneva arms talks, Mr Weinberger said that, while strategic defence was on the agenda, the Strategic Defence Initiative research programme should never be bartered away and that "the President is very firm it would not be."

The Soviet Union, he said, was against it for obvious reasons because it wanted to keep the monopoly it had until last year.

"If they should get a strategic defence that would make our missiles obsolete and impotent, this would be a terribly dangerous world," he said.

It was curious that the Soviet scientist who was recently quoted as saying that the whole space defence concept was absurd and would never work was "the person who is directing all their activity towards securing that precise kind of capability."

On Soviet moves to deploy the new SSX24 mobile multi-headed nuclear missile Mr Weinberger said that this was one of the things the United States was trying to get the Soviet Union to see as a serious development at the negotiations in Geneva.

"The Soviets so far have shown no interest whatsoever in even discussing ways of reducing the threats and the destabilising influence of this Mirved Mobile Weapon," he said. It obviously added enormously to the Soviet first-strike capability and was "a very destabilising factor."

Increasing power

Last week Mr Robert McFarlane, President Reagan's National Security Adviser, said that it would be "intolerable," if this new weapon was deployed.

Discussing the Soviet build-up at Cam Ranh Bay, Mr Weinberger said the Russians were now substantially increasing their air and naval power.

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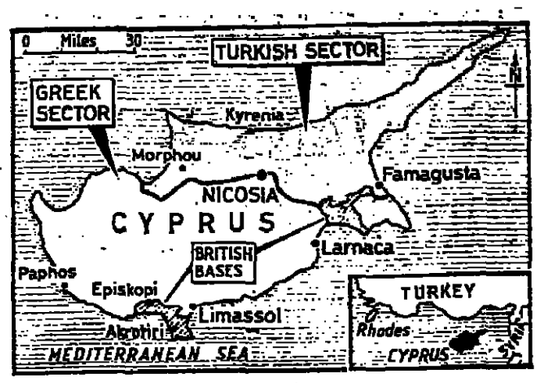


Green Beret training for Costa Ricans

By MARK FAZLOLLAH

AMERICAN Green Berets have begun training local security forces to form the first military-type units in Costa Rica in more than three decades, officials in San Jose say.

Costa Rica, known as the Switzerland of Central America because of its tradition of democracy, has declared that it will maintain "perpetual unarmed neutrality," but the country increasingly is being pulled into the regional conflict.

The American training is certain to change the correlation of forces on Costa Rica's northern border with Nicaragua, the site of frequent shoot-outs between security forces from the two countries during the past year.

Thus far, there have not been any reports of members of the security forces of either country being killed, but when the Costa Ricans have modern weaponry and learn how to shoot straight, the duels quickly may become deadly.

President Luis Alberto Monge said the 750-man unit that will be trained by about 20 Americans will be equipped with machine-guns, mortars and hand-held cannons because the rural guardsmen "can't defend our frontiers and fight terrorism with machettes and flint-lock rifles."

"We have declared neutrality, but we never said we would remain defenceless. We believe that guarding our borders is a duty. We do not plan to attack anyone," Senor Monge said in a Press conference after plans for the American training was first reported by a foreign news agency.

Secretive way

The congress in Costa Rica, which dismantled its army in 1949, had not been informed of the plan to train the battalion-size force at a new security base about 10 miles from the border at a huge Pacific-coast ranch that once was owned by former Nicaraguan dictator Anastasio Somoza.

Aside from protests from congressmen about the secretive way the plan was implemented, the most commonly expressed concern is that "rapid reaction battalion" will open the door to militarisation in Central America's most peaceful nation.

"Militarism is like alcoholism or the vice of smoking," Hernan Castro wrote in a letter to the editor published in the country's most important newspaper. "I oppose the military advisers because we are going to become sick."

The training programme, which will continue through September, is the most recent indicator of Costa Rica's tighter alignment with the American policy in Central America.

Three different organisations of American-sponsored guerrillas have been operating along Costa Rica's northern border with at least tacit support of the local authorities.

President Monge has stated that although his country is neutral militarily, it is not politically neutral.

MORE LEAVE RUSSIA

More Jewish migrants left the Soviet Union last month than in any of the preceding 20 months, with 166 arriving in Vienna on their way to new homes, the International Committee for Migration reported yesterday.—Reuter.

VALUABLE ROLE OF CYPRUS

By Maj.-Gen. EDWARD FURSDON
Defence Correspondent in Episkopi, Cyprus

BRITAIN continues to have a strong national strategic interest in Cyprus.

Over the years the retained sovereign bases have also provided excellent support facilities for the logistics of the United Nations force in Cyprus, for the British contingent formerly deployed with the multi-national force in Lebanon, and for the associated evacuation of British civilians from Beirut.

More recently, it has proved useful for the R A F's Ethiopian programme of famine relief.

"Our role in support of the Lebanon, especially, provided a most valuable, instructive and interesting tri-Service experience," said Major-General Sir Desmond Langley, Commander British Forces Cyprus.

"It was a different dimension of working. On the more general side, since a firm decision on the future of Cyprus was taken, our equipment has been technologically good and the job satisfaction felt by all ranks is high.

"Relations between the British garrison in the sovereign base and the Cypriots are quite excellent. Both the government and the local authorities are most co-operative, and any occasional difficulties are minimal.

Bandstand built

"The people are naturally gregarious, very friendly and they seem to have an affinity with the British."

The garrison is currently assisting with nearly 70 local community projects, varying from building a bandstand at Larnaca, and improving a fishing harbour, to helping with local football pitches.

Muscular dystrophy is unusually prevalent in the civilian community and, led by Lady Langley, the garrison is campaigning extensively to raise money locally to help combat this crippling disease.

This year is the 25th anniversary of the signing of the 1960 Zurich and London agreements which established the Republic of Cyprus with Archbishop Makarios as president.

Under these treaties Britain retained two military enclaves — one centred on Episkopi (which included R A F Akrotiri) and the other on Dhekelia — both under British sovereignty.

The British military presence in these bases continues to serve national defence interests and over the years this existence has become almost "taken for granted."

Stability to area

The Cyprus emergency during which Gen Grivas from Greece led the E O K A organisation against British forces in a vain attempt to achieve "Enosis" (union with Greece), lasted from December 1954 until 1958.

Today Britain maintains a garrison of around 4,000 Army and R A F Service personnel in Cyprus, a presence which certainly makes a substantial indirect contribution to stability in the area.

Currently, the principal fighting units are 2 Bn Scots Guards (about 50 per cent. of whose men served in the Falklands), half of 1 Bn The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment, and a squadron 15/19 Kings Royal Hussars.

The total strength, including service wives and children, and Defence Ministry civilians, is about 10,000.

Month's detachment

Additionally some 4,000 soldiers a year from units in Britain and B A O R come out temporarily to train in Cyprus.

From February to November each year R A F squadrons from Britain and West Germany also come out successively to R A F Akrotiri on a month's detachment to take advantage of the guaranteed good flying weather. They can thus fully practise, for instance, certain "air-to-air" strikes and air defence.

With training areas under increasing environmental pressure in Western Europe, the large area for live firing and other active training negotiated with the Cyprus government in Akamas Peninsula, in the west of the island, is invaluable.

NEW COMMANDER FOR CYPRUS

Air Vice-Marshal Kenneth Hayr has been appointed Commander of the British Forces in Cyprus and Administrator of the Sovereign base areas in succession to Maj.-Gen. Sir Desmond Langley.

Air Vice-Marshal Hayr, who takes up the post in October, became Assistant Chief of the Air Staff in 1980 and, following the hostilities in the Falklands, was appointed Air Officer Commanding No. 11 group.

'Space wars' may split alliance, U.S. warned

By DAVID ADAMSON Diplomatic Correspondent

POLITICIANS from four major Nato allies have given warning in reports to the North Atlantic Assembly that the American plan for a space-based anti-missile system threatens to divide the alliance.

The reports provide the basis for discussions at a meeting in Stuttgart this weekend of the Assembly, which comprises parliamentarians from all 16 Nato countries.

Mr Bruce George, Labour MP for Walsall South, describes the Strategic Defence Initiative as "a perfect public issue for the Soviet Union."

He said there was apprehension on both sides of the Atlantic that the Soviet Union would try to divide the alliance by proposing cuts in offensive missiles tied to the Americans abandoning the SDI programme.

"Some allies and certainly large elements of public opinion find themselves in the uncomfortable position of being less than fully supportive of SDI, even the research stage, because of the results to which it might lead," he said.

"A situation must not occur in which the Geneva talks would be seen by Western Europe to fail only because of the United States refusal to limit SDI development."

Reports by parliamentarians from the United States, West Germany and Canada note European doubts about the desirability and feasibility of SDI.

Mr Thomas Lefebvre, a Canadian, welcomed the American invitation to Allied countries to participate in research, but said they were understandably apprehensive about American willingness to share the technology.

"Clearly the problems posed by American restrictions on technology transfer — including restricting scientific conferences to Americans only and refusing to transfer some technologies to the Allies — do not augur well for genuine participation in SDI."

The Nato parliamentarians' doubts follow those expressed last week by the International Institute for Strategic Studies, of London, which said SDI was chief among the issues complicating the U.S.-Soviet arms control talks in Geneva.

ANTI-KHOMEINI IRANIANS HEED PROTEST CALL

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

HUNDREDS of thousands of people are reported to have responded yesterday to a call by a former Iranian prime minister for a "silent demonstration" in the streets of Teheran and other towns against the régime of Ayatollah Khomeini.

Dr Shapour Bakhtiar, who now heads the National Iranian Resistance Movement, in a broadcast on a clandestine radio on Wednesday night asked people not to raise slogans or to provoke the revolutionary guard, but simply to come out of their homes at 10.30 a.m. yesterday.

The reponse was massive, sources in the movement said.

People came out in their cars or on foot and milled about in the streets, creating huge traffic jams. Some did raise slogans of "Iran will never die."

Teheran residents contacted by telephone said unusually large crowds were in the streets yesterday, the Iranian sabbath. Th crowd stayed on the streets until late afternoon, some picnicking in the parks rather than returning home.

20 arrested

People were handing out flowers and sweets to one another, and some simply honked their car horns as a mark of protest.

Revolutionary guards were on the street in force, but no incidents or clashes were reported.

"About 20 people were arrested," the movement sources said. The guards blocked off some streets, but the crowd simply turned into other streets to continue the "silent demonstration."

The guards prevented the pro-Bakhtiar crowds fro getting close to Teheran University, where fundamentalist supporters of the régime were holding a massive prayer meeting.

The "silent demonstration," yesterday was seen mainly in the central and northern parts of the capital. Reports from Tabriz and Mashad said similar crowds were seen there.

Dr Bakhtiar, in his radio message on Wednesday, said the Iranian year was "the year in which the Khomeini régime will be overthrown." He said the only place for the Ayatollah and the mullahs supporting him would be in the cemetery.

The former Premier is reported to have a considerable following among Iranians seeking a return to a constitutional monarchy, but has not previously called for demonstrations against the Khomeini régime.

'Russia runs Nicaraguan secret police'

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

IN a stark account of Nicaragua's march towards Communism the CIA's chief, Mr William Casey, claimed yesterday that the Russian's had assumed control of Managua's secret police and that the number of Cuban advisers is double Washington's previous estimates.

Mr Casey also alleged that Nicaragua was becoming to Central America what Beirut became to the Middle East as Lebanon turned into the "focal point for international and regional terrorism."

The claims were made in a speech prepared for delivery by Mr Casey today to the World Business Council in San Antonio, Texas.

He appealed to Congress to continue support for the "Contra" rebels fighting to overthrow the Left-wing Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

Mr Casey claimed that the combined armed forces of Nicaragua and Cuba were four times the size of those of Mexico and had vastly superior weapons. The Nicaraguans could "walk through" Costa Rica to Panama while the Cubans could threaten America's vital sea lanes in the Caribbean.

Secret policy

There were an estimated 6,000 to 7,500 Cuban advisers in Nicaragua, in addition to several hundred from other Communist bloc countries, he said.

"The Sandinistas have taken control of the military. They have taken control of the internal secret police and have established a directorate of state security," said Mr Casey.

"That directorate, according to our reports, has 400 Cubans, 70 Soviets, 40-50 East Germans and 20-25 Bulgarian advisers.

"There are Soviet advisers at every level of the secret police. In fact, it is safe to say that it is controlled by the Soviet Union and its surrogates."

CIA analysts had drawn up a blueprint showing how Marxists consolidate their power and had identified 46 key indicators that charted the path to totalitarianism.

These indicators measured the moves towards one-party government, control of the military, security services, the Press, education, the economy, trade unions as well as the curbing of religious freedom.

"Of the 46, Nicaragua, in five-and-a-half years, has accomplished 33," said Mr Casey.

15,000 GUERRILLAS

Pledge by Honduras

MARK FAZLOLLAH, in San Salvador, El Salvador, writes: Without admitting that thousands of American-sponsored guerrillas are using its territory for attacks on neighbouring Nicaragua, Honduras pledged that the rebels would not be allowed to operate on its side of the border.

A government communique repeated claims that Honduras would respect Nicaragua's sovereignty and would in no way intervene in the guerrilla war to topple the Marxist-led regime in Managua.

"The armed forces of Honduras will not permit the existence of armed groups within its terriory and observe the principle of non-intervention in the internal affairs of Nicaragua," the communique said. The Honduran army has in the past given at least tacit support to the guerrillas.

The guerrillas are believed to have a force of about 15,000 men, armed and organised by the CIA. About half the rebels are based inside Honduras, the Nicaraguan government estimates.

Mr Aidan Walsh breathing the air of freedom on his Beirut flat balcony after his kidnappers had released him.

New terror threat to U.S. envoys as blast rocks Beirut

By R. BARRY O'BRIEN in Beirut

AMERICAN diplomats in Beirut were warned yesterday to expect a new wave of attacks from Moslem extremists, as the city was rocked by the first major bomb blast since March.

An anonymous message to a French news agency warned of "the largest operation the American Government has known."

The caller claimed to represent the Shi'ite Islamic Jihad group linked to Iran.

The group has claimed responsibility for the suicide truck-bombings which killed more than 300 American and French soldiers of the Lebanon multi-national peace - keeping force, which was withdrawn in October, 1983.

It has also claimed responsibility for the abduction of four Americans and two French diplomats, still missing.

On Thursday it gave a warning of "catastrophic consequences" for its captives if members of the group jailed in Kuwait were not freed.

CIA accused

Eight people were injured and more than a dozen cars wrecked by yesterday's car bomb outside a militia office of the Progressive Socialist party led by the Druze chief Walid Jumblatt, in Moslem West Beirut.

The bombing was the first major explosion in Beirut since the March car bomb killed more than 80 people outside the home of Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallam, a supporter of the radical Hezbollam party of God, who escaped unhurt.

The Sheikh has claimed to have proof of the involvement in the blast of the American Central Intelligence Agency, a charge the agency has denied.

Sheikh Fadlallah, a prominent Shi'ite Moslem cleric yesterday condemned the kidnapping of foreigners in Lebanon, after an Irish United Nations official seized by armed men on Wednesday was released.

The kidnapped official told reporters yesterday that he was held for 56 hours in a van, with a plastic bucket over his head, while his captors questioned him, but was not harmed.

Mr Aidan Walsh, 46, deputy director for Lebanon of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency, helping Palestinian refugees, said his kidnapper gave him 15 Lebanese pounds (75p), for a taxi after his release.

Hit with gun

Nine other kidnap victims, five Americans, two French diplomats, a Saudi Arabian diplomat and British official of the United Nations agency, who were abducted this year and in 1984, were still missing last night.

They include Mr Terry Anderson, 37, Middle East correspondent of Associated Press, kidnapped in Beirut in March.

Another group, the Revolutionary Organisation of Socialist Moslems, has claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of Mr Alec Collett, a British journalist working for the United Nations Works' and Relief Agency in Beirut as an information consultant, who was seized in March and is still missing.

Mr Walsh told reporters yesterday how he was kidnapped as he was being driven to work in a United Nations vehicle.

Three armed men leapt out of a car ahead and ran towards his vehicle, pointing guns at the occupants.

"One hit me over the head a few times with his gun and they then physically dragged me into the car," he said.

Mr Walsh said he tried to stay calm throughout a "worrying and claustrophobic" experience. He was on his way home to Ireland yesterday to start three weeks' leave.

U.S. defence row looms on cash clampdown

By ALAN OSBORN in New York

A MAJOR clash over United States defence spending is shaping up between the Reagan Government and the House of Representatives after a vote by the House Budget Committee to freeze military spending at its 1985 level without any adjustment for inflation.

The committee vote goes far beyond budget plans approved by the Senate last week and reluctantly accepted by the White House.

The Senate voted to keep Pentagon spending in 1986 to the present year's level but to allow for higher prices which in effect would add the equivalent of £20 billion or more to the £300 billion military budget.

The House Committee proposal will next week go before the full House, where Democrats have a significant majority, and is expected to be approved.

In a further rebuff to President Reagan, the House Committee is recommending full cost-of-living increases for 35 million pensioners, handicapped people and others receiving federal payments.

Overall, the House Committee plan restores about 50 per cent. of spending on domestic social programmes cut out by the Senate.

Tax veto

But the most provocative item is its decision to cut back on defence. Earlier this year President Reagan had called for a 5-9 per cent. increase in real terms in the military budget. He later cut this to 3 per cent. after it became clear that Congress would never approve the higher figure.

President Reagan said Senate moves to allow no real increase in defence were "irresponsible" but the White House eventually accepted the Senate-approved budget as the best it could achieve.

The latter would cut the American federal budget deficit by £250 billion over three years. The proposals being sent on by the House Committee would cut the deficit by about £230 billion though it is likely this could be increased. If amendments to increase taxes on business are approved by the House.

President Reagan has said he will veto any measures to increase taxes.

CHANCES OF SUMMIT RECEDE

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

THE chances of an autumn summit meeting between President Reagan and Mr Gorbachev, the Soviet leader, appeared to recede yesterday.

White House officials said the meeting would not necessarily coincide with the expected attendance of Mr Gorbachev at the United Nations General Assembly session opening in September.

The officials pointed out that Mr Reagan's invitation to Mr Gorbachev, while being open-ended, specified Washington as the venue. The Russians had so far "not taken us up on it."

The WASHINGTON POST reported that Mr Gorbachev appears to be preoccupied with domestic affairs and is not yet ready to "engage" the United States on major foreign policy issues.

This was the impression gained by Mr Shultz, Secretary of State, during his six-hour meeting with Mr Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister in Vienna on Tuesday, the report said.

NOTHING ARRANGED

Soviet statement

A Moscow spokesman said the United States and the Soviet Union have not yet agreed on a time or place for a Reagan-Gorbachev meeting but their Foreign Ministers will probably meet again in August.

Their spokesman, Mr Vladimir Lomeiko, asked about the prospects for a summit, said: "Both sides have a positive approach to this question. As far as a place and timing is concerned this has not been settled now."

He said he did not know whether Mr Gorbachev would attend next September's session of the General Assembly in New York.—Reuter.

Israel to return U.S. nuclear triggers

By FRANK TAYLOR in Washington

ISRAEL has officially assured the United States that hundreds of triggering devices obtained from a California businessman were not being used as nuclear weapons components.

The devices, known as Krytrons, would be returned to America at the request of the State Department, an Israeli official said.

A federal grand jury in Los Angeles indicted the businessman, Richard Smyth, on charges of illegally exporting 800 Krytrons over a period of three years. His lawyer told the jury he did not know the devices could be used for setting off nuclear explosions.

Washington has not formally asked Tel Aviv to allow American inspectors into its atomic facilities, Washington officials said.

At the same time, the long-standing State Department line as voiced by one official yesterday is that "our general policy is to try to curb the spread of nuclear weapons by having everyone sign the nuclear non-proliferation treaty and open their plants to international inspection."

Already built

Such inspection is carried out by the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency.

Israel's repeated official denials that it already possesses nuclear weapons are not disputed by the American government.

Tel Aviv's official line is that Israel "will not be the first country to introduce nuclear weapons to the Middle East." And a State Department official commented that Washington had no reason to doubt this assurance.

Nevertheless, many Washington experts believe Israel not only has the capacity to build nuclear weapons, but in fact has already built them to the point at which they are stored and ready for rapid assembly and arming in an emergency.

The United States wants Israel and other countries that claim to lack nuclear weapons to open their atomic reactors and laboratories to inspection.

U.S. SAVINGS CRISIS EASED

By ALAN OSBORN in New York

MARYLAND'S savings crisis eased yesterday as the State government met to approve legislation desinged to protect small investors from the possible collapse of privately-insured savings and loan companies.

More than 100 of these institutions, controlling assets of some £700 million, have become suspect following reports that the second and ninth largest of them violated State regulations covering lending practices and asset requirements.

Governor Harry Hughes has imposed a limit of $1,000 (£830) a month on withdrawals by savers, although the restrictions ar eexpected to be lifted shortly.

The savings and loan companies perform a similar role to building societies in Britain. They solicit investments from small savers and in turn lend cash for home purchase and education.

Private insurers

But many companies are too small to qualify for federal government deposit insurance and have turned to private insurers. They tend to offer higher returns to savers to compensate for the lack of government guarantees against loss of capital.

The Maryland crisis follows one in Ohio earlier this year. Financial analysts fear that similar runs on the companies could occur in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts where private insurance is still permitted.

JUST WAR HAS POPE'S BLESSING

By JOHN LICHFIELD in Brussels

THE Pope yesterday made a challenging plea for peace but not pacifism after visiting the Menin Gate memorial to Britain's 1914-18 war dead at Ypres in Belgium.

During an open air "ceremony for peace" in the market square of the Flanders town, the Pope gave an eloquent justification of war in defence of "true freedom and dignity."

He told a crowd of 50,000 predominantly young people, including some who had travelled from Britain: "Those who possess a sense of reality and love for true freedom and dignity of individuals and nations are convinced of the legitimacy of the right to defend oneself against an unjust aggressor."

Certain success

The Pope was given a tumultuous and colourful welcome to Ypres and later an ecstatic reception at an open-air service in Ghent for children recently or soon to be confirmed.

Following similarly enthusiastic scenes in Antwerp yesterday, and in Brussels following his arrival on Thursday night, the first papal four of Belgium appears to be guaranteed to be a triumphant success.

Belgian newspapers and television commentators congratulated themselves on the contrast between the warmth of his reception in Belgium and the mixture of indifference and violent protest that characterised his four-day tour of the Netherlands.

Even in Antwerp, hard against the Dutch border and regarded as the most Dutch of Belgian towns, huge crowds greeted the Pope when he arrived to address lay Church activists.

'Realities of life'

But the Pope was quickly reminded that the pressure for liberalisation of Church teaching is also present in Belgium although in a more polite form.

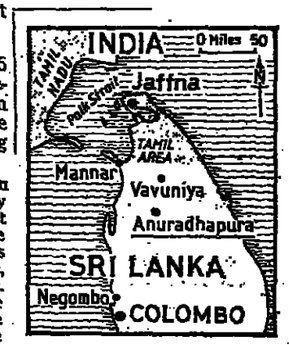
In a carefully worded speech, Mr Aureien Thijsn, president of the lay Pastoral Council of Antwerp, asked the Pope "to leniently interpret the laws of God and of the Church" and "charitably take into account the realities of life."

Without mentioning specifically the ordination of women, Mr Thijs said Belgian Roman Catholics feared the women's ultimately turn against the emancipation movement "will Church" unless women were given "more responsibility."

Massacre terrorists 'surrounded in jungle'

By IAN WARD in Colombo

SECURITY forces have surrounded the Tamil terrorists who massacred 146 civilians in the ancient Buddhist city of Anurdhapura, the Government claimed in Colombo last night.



The original band of 25 heavily-armed men was believed to be splitting up in an effort to slip through the tightening cordon, according to Army sources.

But there was scepticism among Western military observers on the Government side killing or capturing the terrorists in what is known as the Wilpattu game reserve, notorious for its thick jungle.

Further complicating the pursuing forces' task is the fact that the reserve is in the middle of its annual drought, when elephant, buffalo and leopard searching for water are considered highly dangerous.

One theory is that the terrorists are manoeuvring for a pre-planned beach rendezvous on Sri Lanka's north-western coastline.

Backing from India

The Sri Lankan Navy has been ordered on special alert for high-speed craft attempting to cross the 22-mile Palk Strait dividing the northern sector of the island from the coastline of Tamil Nadu State in southern India.

No less than eight separate militant Tamil organisations in Sri Lanka arep ledged to the formation of a separatist Tamil State encompassing the northern and eastern sectors of the island. These rebel movements receive both political backing and supplies from sympathetic Tamils in southern India.

Politically speaking, Wednesday's massacre of civilians at Anuradhapura, ostensibly in retaliation for the military killings of civilians in northern Sri Lanka last week, is seen as decidedly counter-productive to the overall Tamil cause.

Indeed, two of the more prominent Tamil rebel organisations, the so-called Tamil Tigers, and the Tamil Ealam Liberation Organisation, have disclaimed any links with the killings.

MORE RADIO BOMBS IN DELHI

POLICE found six more bombs in the Indian capital yesterday, nearly a week after a Sikh extremist bomb offensive killed 86 people.

The Press Trust of India said the bombs, booby-trapped transistor radios, were found in west Delhi near a railway track. They were defused by bomb disposal teams.

Two children were injured when explosives were thrown into a house in another west Delhi suburb.

In Lucknow, State capital of Uttar Pradesh, the Press Trust said police shot dead three extremists who were trying to escape after stealing a motor cycle and cash.

The United News of India said railway police found a bomb planted on a train from Calcutta to Delhi.—Reuter.

TRIAL DELAYED

Lawyers refusal

OUR NEW DELHI CORRESPONDENT writes: A Delhi sessions judge trying three Sikhs accused of conspiring to assassinate Mrs Gandhi was forced yesterday to adjourn hearings until next week.

Lawyers had refused to defend Balbir Singh, a police inspector in the former Prime Minister's security force who is alleged to be one of the key figures behind her murder on Oct. 31 last year.

PALESTINIANS TO REJOIN GAZA FAMILIES

Egypt and Israel agreed yesterday on a timetable to repatriate 5,000 Palestinian refugees from Rafah on the international border to reunite them with their families in the Israeli-occupied Gaza strip, a senior Israeli official said.

But a senior Egyptian official, speaking after three days of Egyptian-Israeli talks ended in Cairo, said efforts to settle a dispute over the Sinai enclave of Taba were deadlocked and that Egypt wanted arbitration to solve the problem.

The refugees were separated from their families in 1982 when Israel returned Rafah and almost all of Sinai, but not Taba, to Egypt under their 1979 peace treaty.—Reuter.

500 REFUGEES SEEK ESCAPE VIA ISRAEL

By Our Jerusalem Correspondent

Five hundred Lebanese Christian refugees, who escaped to the Israeli-controlled security zone in South Lebanon from Sidon and Tyre, arrived in Haifa Port yesterday in a convoy of buses across the Israeli border.

A Lebanese ferry which also arrived in the port was to leave for Beirut last night with the refugees aboard.

The evacuation of Lebanese Christians by sea became necessary after all roads leading north from the Israeli-occupied zone were closed by the Moslem militia. About 17,000 refugees from Sidon and Tyre are still in the Israeli-controlled zone in South Lebanon.

European plane project closer to take-off

By LESLIE CHILDE in Rome

THE £20 billion European project to construct a twin-engined fighter plane seems set for take-off after a Rome meeting of Defence Ministers from the five countries behind the plan.

The discussions, attended by Mr Heseltine, Defence Secretary, dragged on until 3 a m yesterday. They had been due to end on Thursday night.

The five nations, Britain, France, Italy, West Germany and Spain, appeared to have made dramatic progress in persuading the Paris authorities to fall into line. Under the European Fighter Aircraft plan, up to 1,000 of the single-seat warplanes will be produced.

If Britain has its way, all will be powered by Rolls-Royce engines. The next round of discussions about the ambitious project have been arranged for London next month.

The project, if eventually approved, will become Europe's biggest joint aircraft-production venture. China, recently visited by Signor Spadolini, Italian Defence Minister, has already expressed an interest in buying several of these planes "designed for the 1990s."

All the ministers taking part in the talks at Barberini Palace in Rome signed a memorandum that, according to the Italians, "opens the way for a definite accord."

An obviously delighted Signor Spadolini, a former Italian Premier, said at a Press conference after the nine-hour meeting yesterday: "The biggest problems have been overcome.

"In the end, the political element prevailed over purely technical evaluations. If the five ministers had not reached an agreement, things wouldn't have gone ahead."

French outvoted

Despite earlier bickering, the five ministers agreed on the weight of the proposed fighter plane and the power of its engine. They also agreed on the possibility that other European countries, such as Holland, could eventually be admitted to the consortium.

Italian officials estimated that "eight-tenths" of the problems surrounding the project have been cleared up. Britain's partners in the venture outvoted French ideas in going for a heavier and more powerful fighter suited to cold northern climates and able to meet the technological challenge of the next 15 years.

Signor Spadolini praised the West German mediation for helping to reach an agreement.

"It was essential," he said. "They regard the London meeting as binding. The five nations must honour with all their efforts this undertaking towards the Europe of tomorrow."

GREECE HALTS AIR DISPUTES

By Our Athens Correspondent

Air traffic turmoil in Greece, which for weeks had upset the holiday plans of tens of thousands of tourists, ended yesterday after the Athens government ordered the mobilisation of the country's 480 striking flight controllers, who were seeking a pay rise and other benefits.

The controllers' union announced that the mobilisation was "highly undemocratic, especially for a socialist government." But it is allowed under the constitution in certain extreme cases, and the government claimed it was necessary "to avoid further damage to the economy and the tourist sector."

SOVIET CURB ON MINISTRY CARS

The Communist party daily PRAVDA yesterday criticised officials who use service cars and drivers to go on private shopping trips and excursions.

The PRAVDA report said that although the State had cut back on the number of cars issued to party officials and managers, people were acquiring and privately using vehicles described as "technical" and "laboratory" vans and even ambulances.—Reuter.

TAMILS SHOT DEAD

Soldier goes berserk

A Sri Lankan soldier shot dead six Tamil civilians and wounded 16 others yesterday at Anuradhapura, where guerrillas on Wednesday massacred 146 people, a Government official said yesterday.

The corporal went berserk at the city's military camp, grabbed a rifle and opened fire as the Tamils were being moved for security reasons. He was shot dead by an army officer.—Reuter.

SPIT INSPECTORS

By HUGH DAVIES in Peking

Peking seems determined to lose its spitting image. Some 147,000 inspectors are being put on the streets to educate people on the health risks of spitting. They will also put out extra spittoons.

INDIAN ACCORD WITH U.S.

By Our New Delhi Correspondent

India and the United States achieved a major breakthrough yesterday when they completed an agreement in Delhi for the transfer of advanced technology.

The agreement, under negotiation for over a year, had been stalled because of American fears of the leakage of information on sensitive items to the Soviets and Eastern bloc.

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GREENPEACE SENDS APOLOGY OVER A-WASTE 'CRASH'

By BRENDA PARRY

GREENPEACE, the conservation organisation, admitted yesterday that it got its facts wrong when it criticised the Central Electricity Generating Board over the railway crash it simulated to demonstrate the safety of containers used to transport nuclear waste.

An apology arrived at the C E G B headquarters in London seven months after Greenpeace had claimed that the demonstration had been "rigged" and the public deceived.

Mr George Pritchard, the Greenpeace campaigner, who made the original allegations, wrote: "I hope you will accept that I acted in good faith, if somewhat naively, in making those allegations."

In July last year the C E G B simulated a £1,600,000 crash in front of an invited audience of journalists, M Ps and environmentalists at Old Dalby, Leics. The impact of a 100 m.p.h. locomotive on a 48-ton container flask was shown on television all over the world, convincing most people that the method of carrying nuclear waste across Britain is safe.

'Deception' claim

The giant flask struck at its most vulnerable point—at the joint with the lid—was undamaged. But Greenpeace was unimpressed, and in October claimed that the crash had been a deception of the public.

Greenpeace claimed machinery was tampered with to minimise the impact and carriages were weighted down to keep them on the track.

The allegations were immediately denied by the board. But Mr Pritchard claimed that Greenpeace was in possession of confidential documents sent to them from within the C E G B.

In yesterday's letter to Mr John Baker, the board member who was responsible for the exercise, Mr Pritchard said: "I wish to apologise to the board, the Railways Board and Ove Arup & Partners [the consultant engineers] for any embarrassment I may have caused them in the accusations I made about the removal of the engine mounting bolts from the locomotive and the placing of weights in the carriages.

'Verbal evidence'

"Most of the allegations were backed up by written evidence. The only evidence, however, about the bolt and the weights in the carriages and indeed the type of locomotive chosen, was verbal."

Mr Pritchard, a fisherman before becoming a campaigner against nuclear power, said last night that Greenpeace was climbing down on a limited number of points.

"It is still our belief that the test did not constitute the worst possible scenario," he said.

Low tar not any safer for smokers

By Dr K. C. HUTCHIN
Medical Consultant

LOW tar cigarettes may be as harmful to health as higher tar brands, according to a report in today's issue of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Two Helsinki doctors carried out a survey of 4,729 young Finns of both sexes, aged 16 to 18, and found that respiratory problems were 2·4 to 6·2 times more common in those smoking 10 or more low tar cigarettes than in non-smokers of the same age.

No significant difference was found between low tar and medium tar cigarette smokers. This could indicate that the lower yield of tar is no less irritating to the respiratory passages.

Number important

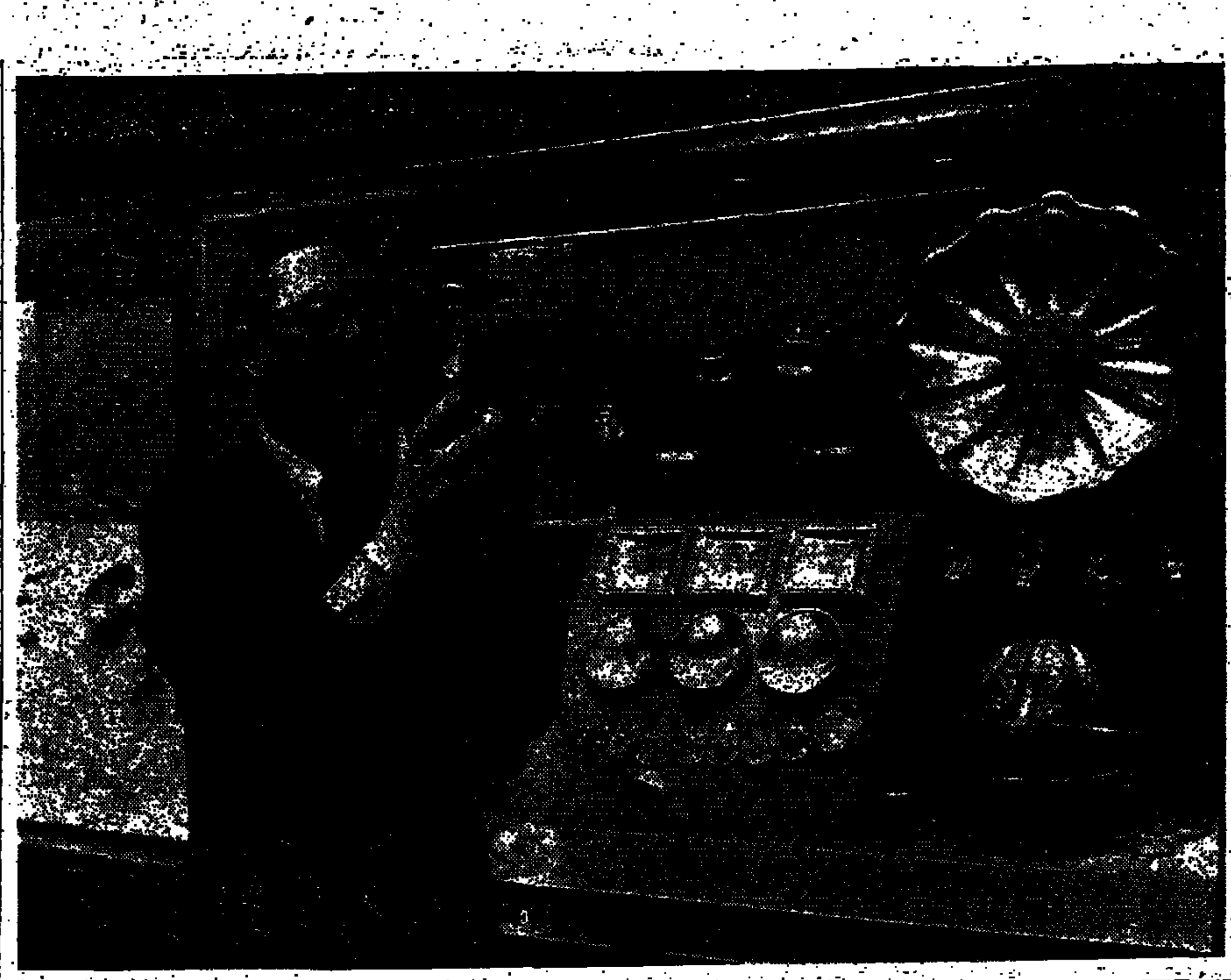
It appears from the report that the number of cigarettes smoked daily is more important than the tar yield, as those smoking fewer than 10 a day had fewer symptoms.

The survey was carried out on young people because those adults now smoking low tar cigarettes may still have symptoms left over from when they smoked higher tar brands.

CROWN COURT RECORDERS

The following have been appointed Crown Court recorders:

WESTERN CIRCUIT: C. L. Boothman, J. P. Burgess, R. D. H. Bursell, W. R. H. Crowther, Q C, C. H. de Verd Leigh, N. J. Mylne, Q C. NORTH EASTERN CIRCUIT: D. R. Bentley, Q C, M. S. Garner, S. P. Grenfell, M. R. T. Jackson, T. D. Kent-Jones, G. M. Lightfoot, J. T. Milford.



Mr Neil Stratford, Keeper of Medieval and Later Antiquities at the British Museum, holding the Pelegrina silver ewer yesterday in the new Medieval Room which opens at the museum on Thursday.

LOYALTY RULING 'A TOKEN'

By Our Industrial Staff

MR JOHN WARD, general secretary of the First Division Association, the Whitehall "mandarine" union, moved yesterday to take some of the sting out of his annual conference's ruling on civil servants' accountability.

The delegates decided that Government employees' first loyalty was not necessarily to the elected government of the day—echoing the principles propounded by Mr Clive Ponting, who was an association member.

But Mr Ward insisted yesterday that in his view the assertion was more a token gesture reflecting senior civil servants' general discontent with their lot than a serious set of defiance against Mrs Thatcher.

"As I see it, it was more a comment on the way Ministers have been acting recently than an attempt to make some sort of major restatement of how they see civil servants' constitutional position."

The association's national executive is to meet next month to discuss how the conference ruling can be equated with the proposed code of ethics for civil servants which the association has drawn up for submission to other unions and ultimately to the Government.

Parts of the draft code may have to be redrawn, particularly those relating to complaints procedures, following the conference's approval of the idea that an independent complaints tribunal should be set up.

But Mr Ward insisted that he believed the code's central tenet that civil servants should "diligently pursue the implementation of Government policies" would remain.

'Viewed with surprise'

The fact that the delegates took the view they did on the issue of accountability was viewed with surprise because of the status of the union's membership in the Civil Service.

It represents, according to its own records, about half the 60-or-so permanent secretaries and 80 per cent. of the deputy secretaries and undersecretaries who make up the Whitehall "elite."

Its largest single group, however, is that made up of the "fast stream" graduates who enter straight from university and are expected to "grade-skip" their way up to senior positions.

Its membership also includes Government lawyers, inspectors of schools, accountants, economists, statisticians and senior museum staff.

'FAIR WIND' FOR WILDLIFE BILL

Detestation at the way badgers continue to be dug up and tortured to death was voiced in the Lords yesterday when members promised a fair wind to the Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill, a private member's measure, which received an unopposed Second Reading.

Lord Melchett (Lab.) said it closed a loophole and would put an end to badger baiting once and for all.

Too many 'not guilty' pleas clog courts

TOO many defendants facing serious criminal charges in London and the South East were pleading not guilty and aggravating the growing backlog of work facing the courts, Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, said last night.

He suggested the need for research into why the proportion of defendants pleading guilty was only half that in other parts of the country.

"Either too many cases in London are being brought or too few defendents are pleading guilty," said Lord Hailsham. There did not seem to be any third alternative.

Delays in bringing cases to trial in London and the South East would be far lower if the guilty plea rate were higher and cases could be dealt with more quickly.

Addressing lawyers at the annual dinner of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association, Lord Hailsham said: "I cannot ask defence lawyers or prosecutors to betray their trust. But something has gone wrong somewhere and it ought to be put right."

Different attitude

Lord Hailsham, who was discussing measures taken to meet the growing number of cases committed for trial in the Crown Courts, said he found "perplexing" the marked divergence between different parts of the country in the proportion of charges resulting in a plea of guilty and in contested cases, the ratio between acquittals and convictions.

While outside London and the South East at least 80 out of 100 defendants pleaded guilty, in the London area the guilty plea rate was only about 30 per cent.

Two years ago he suggested that the contrast might be the products of delay, differences in attitude or efficiency by the prosecution, differences in attitudes by juries or differences in the type of offence charged or committed. But he still did not know the answer.

Good progress had been made in appointing more judges to help meet the continuing growth of cases in the Crown Courts where there had been a 50 per cent. rise in the number of cases committed for trial between 1979 and 1984.

This rise in committals from 51,000 to 75,000 imposed severe strains and stresses on the criminal justice system, but despite the increase, there had been a significant reduction in between committal and trial average "waiting times" between 1979 and 1983 with the position worsening only slightly in 1984.

Lord Hailsham, who in April last year *told the Commons* Home Affairs Select Committee that he wanted to appoint up to 10 per cent more circuit judges to meet the pressure of work, said his plans were making good progress.

There were now 374 full-time circuit judges in England and Wales compared with 348 just over a year ago. A further group of appointments is expected soon.

Gardening mysteries unveiled

DESPITE the chill of recent weeks people are working in their gardens; next week sees the highlight of the gardener's year, the Chelsea Flower Show.

Many new plants and different coloured flowers will be on display. But exactly how is a new variety or a new colour created? What is involved?

Brian Langdon (above) specialises in Begonias. He and other breeders talked to Tim Heald, who reveals some of the intriguing mysteries of the booming gardening business in a special 16-page section in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE.

Titian, Vermeer, Gainsborough and Manet all painted beautiful women, but were they painters of love? In the second article of his series called "The Painted Witch," Edwin Mullins asks why true love seems so rarely been the subject, or inspiration, of famous artists' work.

Bobby Robson accepts that "I can't go anywhere without someone coming up to me to tell me what I should have done."

But three years after becoming England's football team manager, he has no regrets. He talks to Geoffrey Wansell about his task as he plans for the 1986 World Cup.

Princess Diana has brought the glamorous ballgown back into fashion. Fashion Editor Ruth Lynam selects splendid dresses which could help anyone become the belle of the ball.

Chris Bromhan, a 27-year-old daredevil motor cyclist, reveals his plan to beat his own world record by jumping over 20 buses: there is a short story by Kedar Nath; and all the regular features, plus Mardillo, appear in tomorrow's TELEGRAPH SUNDAY MAGAZINE, available only with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

BRITTAN'S BROTHER ON INQUIRY

By HARVEY LEE
TV and Radio Staff

THE six members of the Peacock inquiry into the consequences of advertising on the B B C were *named* by Mr Brittan, Home Secretary, yesterday.

They include Mr Samuel Brittan, 52, brother of the Home Secretary, and a financial journalist and author.

He was personally chosen by Prof. Alan Peacock, 62, who is heading the inquiry.

Other members are Prof. Alastair Hetherington, 66, formerly editor of the GUARDIAN and controller B B C Scotland, now in charge of media studies at Stirling University; Lord Quinton, 60, philosopher and president of Trinity College, Oxford; Sir Peter Reynolds, 55, chairman of Rank Hovis McDougall; Mr Jeremy Hardie, 47, economist, accountant and deputy chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission and Mrs Judith Chalmers, 49, a presenter on both ITV and B B C radio.

Mrs Chalmers has spent most of her life as a broadcaster, beginning with the B B C in Manchester where she first auditioned at the age of 13. Her first television appearance was at 19, and in 1960 she became one of the first female on-screen continuity announcers.

She regularly broadcasts on B B C radio, and presents the I T V travel series, "Wish You Were Here."

Viable effects

They will meet for the first time at the end of the month, then fortnightly, and their report is expected to take a year to compete.

The committee's brief will include advertising or sponsorship on the B B C to replace or, supplement the licence fee, and viable effects this could have on I T V, commercial radio, the Press and satellite broadcasting.

The impact of commercials on programme quality will also be considered by the team led by Prof Peacock, a noted free market economist, based at Heriot-Watt University.

He said: "The committee is much as I would have wanted it, with a wide range of expertise and professional interests

Rate-cap councils run out of time

By JOHN GRIGSBY
Local Government Correspondent

TIME is running out for the seven Labour-controlled councils which are refusing to set a rate.

They must decide next week whether to obey Government rate limits if councillors are to avoid surcharge and disqualification from office.

A critical meeting will be held on Tuesday at Hackney, where the borough council has been ordered by the High Court to set a rate before the end of the month.

But the District Auditor, Mr Bryan Skinner, has also warned councillors in the five other London Authorities, argues that at risk and should also set a rate before the end of the month.

Though there are deep divisions in several of the Labour groups, they have so far held together. Mrs Margaret Hodge, chairman of the Association of London Authorities, argues that the unity in itself is a major victory, and that the councils' action has brought the Government rate-capping legislation to the attention of the public.

But Ministers are confident that most of the councils will find some formula for setting a rate in accordance with the law.

Those still holding out are Hackney, Islington, Camden, Southwark—which had a meeting on Thursday night to enforce the no-rate policy—Lambeth and Greenwich.

Liverpool City council, which is not rate-capped, is refusing to set a rate, and Tower Hamlets, another authority outside the Government's rate-capping limit, has also so far failed to tell its ratepayers of its demands for the coming year.

Close watch

Hackney is the only council where the High Court has ordered a rate by the end of the month. But other councils will be closely watching the Hackney debate.

Of the Labour-controlled rate-capped councils, those which have made a rate are Lewisham, Haringey, Leicester, Sheffield, Thamesdown, the Greater London Council, the Inner London Education Authority, Greater Manchester, and South Yorkshire county council.

Two other councils, Portsmouth and Brent, are under Conservative control and have said that they will comply with the Government's limit.

JOB DEMAND FOR O-LEVEL IS UPHELD

A WOMAN of Asian origin whose application for a clerk's job was rejected by the Civil Service Commission because she did not have an 'O' level in English Language, claimed the examination requirement was racially discriminatory because it gave an advantage to indigenous British candidates.

But Mrs A. M. RAVAL, 44, of Edgware, had her complaint rejected by an industrial tribunal, which held that the qualification requirement was justified on grounds unconnected with race, and, yesterday the Employment Appeal Tribunal in London dismissed her appeal against that rejection.

Mr Justice WAITE said Mrs Raval's case, backed by the Commission for Racial Equality, rested on what had come to be called "indirect discrimination."

West Indian attacks 'bias against whites'

By JENNY SHIELDS

A WEST INDIAN has accused a Tory-controlled council of racial discrimination against white people because it is offering a full-time science course only to "mature students from black ethnic groups."

Mr Watson Humphrey-Gaskin, a designer, who was born in Guyana but has lived in Britain since 1952, is annoyed that the London borough of Brent is inviting applications for the one-year "access science course" only from blacks.

Yesterday, at his home in Harrow, Mr Humphrey-Gaskin, 50, said: "This is reverse apartheid, and so blatant that I cannot accept it.

"If I was an unemployed white man I would be very upset to think I was being excluded from the course. This is a free society and everyone should have an equal right to this sort of course."

Racial harmony

Mr Humphrey-Gaskin, who has been married for 25 years to a white woman, said he had written to Brent council and also to the Commission for Racial Equality.

"You can't create racial harmony by segregating people. I can't see the logic behind this at all," he said.

A spokesman for the commission said it had received Mr Humphrey-Gaskin's letter and would be replying within a week.

A solicitor in its legal department said that under section 35 of the Race Relations Act, the provision of education or training for a particular ethnic group was permitted if the group to be benefited had a "special need."

A spokesman for Brent council denied that the course, in biology, chemistry, physics and mathematics, to be held at Willesden College, would create apartheid.

Positive action

Brent council, which comprises 32 Labour councillors, 31 Tories and three Liberals who hold the balance, has introduced the course as part of the council's "positive action" policy which was started in 1981.

Miss Mohini Patel, a race relations spokesman at the council, said: "Black people are still heavily under-represented in many areas of employment, particularly in supervisory and managerial positions, compared with other people.

"The aim of the positive action policy is to counteract this by helping minority groups to develop their potential."

The council rejected Mr Humphrey-Gaskins claims that the course had created apartheid. "Apartheid creates positions of superiority and power; this course will help to create equality, said Miss Patel."

Case highlights 'Holmesian error'

SHIPPING law experts are unlikely to find great legal significance in a ruling of the House of Lords this week in which the Law Lords criticised a High Court judge for deciding a shipping insurance case on the supposed basis of a Sherlock Holmes Dictum.

The Law Lords said Mr *Justice Bingham*, the trial judge, had opted for an "extremely improbable" theory for the sinking of a 26-year-old badly-repaired freighter, the Popi M, which sank in calm seas off Algeria seven years ago.

The judge decided that the ship must have been holed by a submarine, as suggested by the shipowners, the Rhesa Shipping Company, because all other explanations could effectively be ruled out.

This meant that the sinking was classified as a "peril of the sea" which entitled the *shipowners* to compensation from the Hull underwriters, Fenton Insurance.

Allowing the underwriters' appeal against the ruling by Mr Justice Bingham which was supported by the Court of Appeal, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook said the judge had wrongly arrived at his decision.

Lord Brandon referred to a passage in Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's "The Sign of the Four" which described Sherlock Holmes telling Dr Watson: "When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth."

It was "no doubt on the basis of this well-known but *unjudicial dictum* that Mr Justice Bingham decided to accept the shipowner's submarine theory, even though he regarded it, for seven cogent reasons, as extremely improbable," said Lord Brandon.

The judge should simply have decided that because there was doubt as to why the ship was holed, the shipowners had failed to prove that it had been lost through perils of the sea and had failed to show that the underwriters were liable.

Lord Brandon said the case *did not raise* any questions of law except possibly the question of what was meant by proof of a case on the balance of probabilities.

The sole question was whether on the basis of the primary finding of fact, Mr Justice Bingham and the Court of Appeal were justified in drawing the inference that the ship was on the balance of probabilities lost by perils of the sea.

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SUGAR BAN PUTS BAKED BEANS ON BLACK LIST

By IAN BRODIE in Los Angeles

A PROCLAMATION by President Reagan has started a run on H·P sauce and British pickled onions in America. There are also signs of Weetabix, marmalade and baked beans being stockpiled.

Shortages worse than wartime rationing are predicted for Polo mints, Smarties and Rowntree's fruit gums. The trouble with these and many other British foodstuffs is that they contain sugar, albeit only a trace in the case of the pickled onions.

No matter. They all fall under a sweeping Presidential decree which has imposed severely-restrictive quotas on sugar imports of any kind to protect the United States sugar industry.

"It's ludicrous," said Mr Brian Clewer who owns a thriving shop for British goods *in Los Angeles.*

On his weekly radio programme he has been urging British expatriates to send labels and box-tops from their best-loved British foods to the White House. Many listeners assure him they have done so.

He said: "It gives me a chuckle to think of the staff who divide Mr Reagan's mail in pros and cons having to figure out what to do with boxloads of Weetabix tops and marmalade labels."

On a more serious note, however, the owners of British food shops are facing a grim future.

"This is affecting 70 per cent. of our grocery items and could eventually drive us out of business," said Mr Harry Ingams, proprietor of the famous Tudor House in Santa Monica, California.

Mouldy pizza

"But for the moment, these items are selling very fast. People are worried that their favourites will run out."

Nor are the British migrants the only ones to suffer withdrawal symptoms for the tastes of home. The ban has hit Italian ice-cream, Korean noodle soup mix, Israeli pizza, Australian meringue, Japanese seasoned seaweed and many other foreign delicacies.

A 50-ton consignment of Korean soup mix was turned back at Los Angeles docks. A huge container of Israeli pizza went mouldy in New York when it was held up by customs officers who detected minuscule amounts of sugar in the tomato sauce.

The owner of a chain of Italian gelato parlours is threatened with bankruptcy because he cannot import his flavour concentrate, even though he uses 15,000 pounds of American sugar a week to turn it into ice-cream.

"It's bureaucratic overkill," admitted Mr Dave Carter, president of the United States Beet Sugar Association in Washington. "The quota idea was never intended to include all these little products."

Rather, the plan was to protect American sugar producers from wholesale sugar imports after world prices collapsed.

Sold illegally

Currently the world price is 2·6 cents a pound and falling. The American domestic price, artificially supported by the government, is 21·1 cents.

With such a huge disparity, shady entrepreneurs tried to outwit the authorities. In one case, crates of imported plastic balls were found to be packed in sugar which was being sifted out and sold illegally. In another, sugar was dissolved in water to get it past customs.

To combat these abuses, a catch-all list of "edible preparations" containing sugar was put on a quota limit of 200,000 tons.

President Reagan signed the proclamation on January 28. With items like pickled onions weighing in at 5lb a jar, the quota was filled by March 5 and now shortages are being felt.

The Department of Agriculture admits the ban may be too broad. Officials say they will announce some means of revising the procedure soon, perhaps by the end of the month.

But those in the trade are not so sure. "They've known this was a mistake since January and they've done nothing so far," said Mr John Healey, owner of British Imports, a Los Angeles wholesale firm, and a leading campaigner against the ban.

He added: "It's extraordinary that Reagan calls himself a free trader and yet here he is pushing protectionism that could close down 20,000 speciality food merchants across the country."

Tigerfish torpedo's reliability improved

By DESMOND WETTERN Naval Correspondent

THE Navy's Tigerfish torpedo, the subject of criticism by Sir Gordon Downey, the Controller and Auditor-General, is now being equipped with a modified method of control to improve its reliability.

Although the report to the Commons did not identify the nature of the fault with the Tigerfish, it is understood it has arisen through the failure under stress of the wire guiding the torpedo from the launching submarine to its target.

This has apparently been overcome in the latest version by putting the guiding wire inside what amounts to a flexible rubber hosepipe which takes much of the stress as the torpedo manoeuvres while searching for its target.

The modified version of the weapon has been undergoing tests for Brazil, which ordered a number in 1982 for its new German-built submarines, and Royal Navy observers at the tests expressed regret that they could not buy the export version, although those in British submarines are due to be brought up to the same standard.

Development of the electrically powered Tigerfish began some 20 years ago and was plagued with problems when the Royal Navy Torpedo Factory at Alexandria, Dumbarton, proved unequal to the task of developing the highly complex weapon.

The contract was then transferred to Plessey Marine at Ilford, but separate contractors remained responsible for the principal components—such as the torpedo body, the batteries to power it and the fire control system — with no overall authority to co-ordinate the project.

The weapon, which will remain in service at least to the year 2000, was first developed as an anti-submarine weapon for submarines, but in 1978 a new version with an added capability against surface ships was delivered and Marconi now have overall responsibility for the programme.

Doubts about its performance continued, and, coupled with the requirement to retain anti-submarine weapons on board, prompted the use of the 1920s-designed compressed air driven Mark VIII torpedoes by the nuclear submarine Conqueror when she torpedoed and sank the Argentine cruiser General Belgrano in the Falklands.

COMPUTER TO HUNT SUBMARINES

By Our Naval Correspondent

THE Navy is to have a new computer system which will end much of the guesswork and greatly increase the probability of detection in hunting submarines.

Known as SEPADS, Sonar Environmental Prediction and Display System, 50 units have been ordered for the Navy's anti-submarine ships with further orders to follow.

The system makes it possible to predict with considerable accuracy the range of sound waves from ships' sonar detection equipment as well as that of the noise generated by a submarine under a variety of conditions.

The performance of sound waves *underwater can* be affected by a wide variety of factors, the most important being changes in water temperature.

Colder water

In summer in the North Atlantic, for example, sound waves will probably follow a more or less straight line through the first 150ft but once they strike colder water at greater depths they may well be reflected back to the surface so allowing a submarine below around 150ft to escape detection.

The changes in water temperature are also affected by air temperature over the sea and the amount of turbulence caused by storms and high winds, while the performance of sound waves can vary with the amount of salt in the water *and the* proximity of cold fresh water from rivers and estuaries.

The new computer system can advise the captain of a frigate whether to use "active" transmitting sonar or "passive" in which the sonar is used simply as a listening device.

It will also take into account the type of seabed; a rocky bottom being far better than mud for reflecting sound waves.

The initial order for the computers, worth £4·5 million, has been placed by the Ministry of Defence, following competitive tendering from several companies, with Gresham-C.A.P. of New Malden, Surrey.

PRISONERS CAUGHT

Two men on the run from Oxford Prison were recaptured after seven hours yesterday. A police helicopter moved in after the pair were spotted on the outskirts of the city.

Clues to a Japanese secret

SIR—Mr. Cedric Brown's intriguing letter (May 5) appears to have let a long-awaited cat out of the bag.

I have long believed that, in the period 1939-41, British intelligence in the Far East, possibly in collaboration with Col. Verkuyl, Capt. Henning and their team of Dutch cryptanalysts at their signals intelligence headquarters (Kamer 14) at Bandoeng in the Dutch East Indies, had penetrated some of the Japanese *operational* ciphers, as opposed to their *diplomatic* machine ciphers which had been compromised by the Americans under the code name Purple.

However, the extent of this penetration, and whether it included the main Japanese battle fleet cipher JN25, has been difficult to determine precisely because all Japanese decrypts are still held by the Foreign Office who, in September, 1984, not only refused me access but also advised that they were unlikely to be released for public inspection in the foreseeable future.

It is known that during 1941 Churchill was regularly sending Roosevelt summaries of our decrypts of Japanese operational ciphers so as to apprise the President of their military intentions.

In his book "The Pacific War," published in 1981 and serialised in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, John Costello recalls, how, on the morning of Nov. 26, 1941, Roosevelt received a startling message from Churchill that finally convinced him that the Japanese were about to launch their simultaneous attacks in the Far East.

Exactly what this message said is not known because it is contained in the only file of Churchill's messages to Roosevelt, (PREM 3, Group 252, Section 5), which are still closed to public inspection and will remain so for 75 years. In October 1983, the Foreign Office *advised me that this embargo* was in force, for reasons of "national security."

Before the capture of the War Cabinet minutes from the steamer Automedon on Nov. 11, 1940, the Japanese had believed that the success of an attack upon Malaya and Singapore (which formed the pivotal part of their Far East strategy), was dependent upon a simultaneous attack by the Germans against Gibraltar and the Suez Canal.

It was only after reading the Chiefs of Staff report that the Japanese realised that the British were so weak that they could allocate without risk minimal numbers of troops and ships for their southern invasion force, thus allowing them to concentrate the bulk of their fleet (and all their carriers) against the United States.

JAMES RUSBRIDGER
St Austell, Cornwall.

Balance of power

SIR—Following Mr A. Jackson's recent letter, foreign visitors bring in wages money; they increase Britain's wealth.

Home tourists merely redistribute wages money; they do not increase Britain's wealth.

Britons who go on holiday abroad export wages money, import unemployment, and decrease Britain's wealth.

Let's hope that we have the balance right.

S. SHEPPARD
Trowbridge, Wilts.

Back to the past

SIR—Mr Ferdinand Mount (commentary, May 11) tells us that the Russians are undecided which name to use: Volgograd or Stalingrad.

I suggest they go back to the old and correct name used before 1918: Tsaritsyn.

H. W. E. REYNOLDS
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

MPs FIND HELP HARD TO COME BY

From Mrs EDWINA CURRIE, M.P. (Con.)

SIR—Mr Timothy J. Micklethwait's letter (May 15) has roused me to fury. M.Ps get no secretarial, clerical or research assistance.

The £12,437 mentioned is an allowance against which we can claim such help but it is not payable to us, it is paid, at the agreed salary, to the secretaries themselves. It is not part of our salaries at all.

Just try getting a good secretary in London for less than £8,000 a year. Add to that the employer's National Insurance contributions—yes, they come out of the allowance as well.

Out-of-town M.Ps get no special help; I try to maintain an office in Derby out of what is left. We are not provided with any equipment — so we have to buy (or hire) items as basic as a typewriter and the allowance is supposed to cover research help as well which, for many of us, it clearly doesn't.

Of course it isn't enough. My constituency in South Derbyshire contains 76,000 constituents who are entitled to a prompt and efficient service from their M.P. both in London and locally. On Tuesday I sat up till 1 a.m. and signed nearly 300 letters — nothing unusual in this job. But somebody had to prepare them, type them, do the envelopes and deal with the replies; somebody has to answer the phone, arrange the visits, book the gallery tickets; and it would be lovely to have someone to check that Hansard reference, add up those Department of Health and Social Services figures and find out what Dr Owen really said in 1980, but I can't afford that.

No business in this country, public or private, expects its people to operate in the scrappy, incompetent ways forced on M.Ps. No wonder we have such a bad image. Your correspondent is welcome to spend a day with me and my secretary—and then he'll eat his words.

EDWINA CURRIE
House of Commons.

High time to decimalise the calendar

SIR—I have been interested in the recent correspondence concerning the abolition of long division in schools and the encouragement being given for the use of calculators in the classroom and in examinations.

I feel, however, that we are not going far enough to ease the burden of work on school-*children and their teachers.* I have in mind several measures which could be taken, not only to make things easier in schools, but also to enhance the quality of life for all of us.

For instance, I can see no point in having 12 months in the year. Things would be simplified if, instead, we could have ten months each of 30 days. January and February could be done away with because nobody really likes January and many people have great difficulty in pronouncing "February" to say nothing of spelling it. There would be no point, anyway, in having Leap Years with a 360-Day year and school-children would not be burdened with having to learn jingles like, "Thirty days hath September, April, June and November . . ."

This proposal would quieten, once and for all, those boastful and hateful Australians who take delight rubbing it in about eating their Christmas dinners on the beaches. In six years' time or so, we could do the same, and again at 12-year intervals whilst the Aussies would have to stay indoors to keep warm.

It would also mean more leisure time because the thirty-day months could comprise six five-day weeks. Monday could be done away with because no one, school-children least of all, likes Mondays and I could suggest the abolition of Wednesday because it is a hard word to spell. This would leave us with Saturday and Sunday preserved intact and a three-day working week which could lead to a reduction in unemployment.

It would also mean that we would all live longer and if retirement age could be fixed at 60 for both men and women, then we could all enjoy many more years of retirement.

Finally, it would be a great feather in the cap of the authorities if something could be done about pi. Its present absurd value of 3·141592653 etc. is too much to expect school-children to remember and the time is long overdue for it to be rounded up or down to 3·20 or 3·10.

This could lead, eventually, to the total abolition of the decimal point which causes so much confusion, but that is a long way off yet with all the muddled thinking in the world but a start could be made if a Commission could be set up by the EEC to look into the matter. This would greatly improve its standing in the eyes of today's children who will, after all, become tomorrow's M.E.Ps.

RICHARD JOHNSON
Burnley, Lancs.

Borrowing from the ratepayer

SIR—In inquiring the reason for the steep rise of 15 per cent. in my domestic water rate I was informed that as the Anglia Water Authority could not borrow sufficient money to fund the cost of extra equipment necessary for extensive new business, they decided to raise the cash from current revenue.

I had 50 years in a competitive manufacturing industry and I can just imagine the replies from my regular customers if told that they had to subscribe to the cost of extra equipment to meet the needs of new business that had been offered.

ALFRED ARNOLD
Reepham, Norfolk.

Books without tears

SIR—I suffered the same standard of service from a multi-national bookseller as Mrs J. Medley-Smith (May 11), but I found an excellent alternative.

I live in the south-west of Scotland and buy all my books from an independent bookseller in Winchester. An order by telephone or letter can result in a book which is in stock being here in less than a week. If a book has to be obtained from the publishers, then the time is extended to no more than two or three weeks.

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MAUREEN BORLAND
Kilmarnock, Ayrshire.

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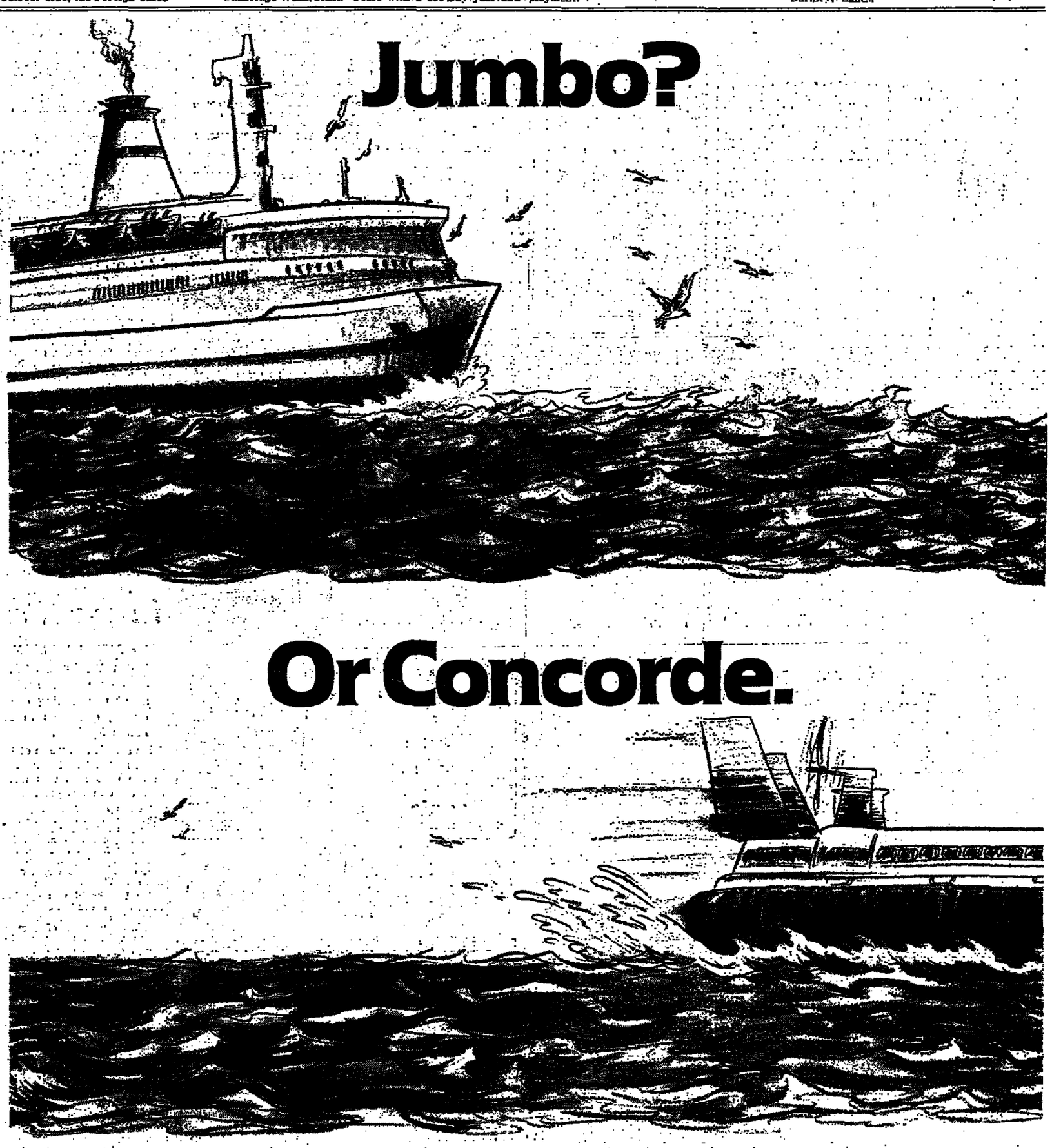

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GARDEN CALENDAR — FRED WHITSEY

The day of the iris

Dwarf iris for bold effects in late spring.

NO MATTER what the skies look like, what date the calendar says it is, when the irises come out you know it's only a short leap into summer. But irises are plants that involve gardening people in a love-hate relationship.

There are too many of them. It's bewildering. Their day is brief, though that is no more to be held against them than is a short life in other flowers. But they are a terrible long time dying. The tips of the leaves begin their decline as soon after the flowers have gone. Cut off the offending bits and the rest looks unbearably ugly. And a plantation of irises is about the weediest thing you can have in your garden.

Life for the iris admirer—fanciers accept all the shortcomings—has been made easier in recent years by the arrival on the market of more and more of the dwarf varieties. Once their parents were grown in little patches on rock gardens and hardly noticed. Now, in their range of many colours, they have a role to play in the forefront of borders, as big patches on terrace beds, and, as I am now using them, as a groundwork for shrub roses.

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"Do help me out by taking some of these off me," said a friend lifting a forkful of one called Green Spot that was threatening to take over her tiny garden. The single plant she had put in three years before had grown to several feet across. A new hardy plant catalogue that includes more than 50 varieties (from David Austin, Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton WV7 3HB, costs 49p posted) credits them with "thriving almost like weeds." My experience with them so far is that as they spread they make such dense patches that weeds as we know them don't get much of a chance. Of course, like all irises of the bearded type they will need being lifted and divided every few years in order to keep up their flowering performance.

While they make a carpet of woody rhizomes of 5-8in. leaves over the ground, the flower stems rise to anything from 9in. to 15in. The flowers themselves are replicas of the tall bearded type, though much smaller, and they come in a great many colourings, varying through yellow, white, tan, purple, red and blue, often with intriguing markings on the falls.

Of course, like most irises they must have a sunny position and they are healthier on a light soil than they are on a heavier one. But they ask little more than that, except that the site where they are to be planted should be ruthlessly cleared of bits of perennial weed root beforehand. If the foliage does begin to decay a bit early, though after the tall ones, they do not leave behind them an ugly mess. I believe them to be most valuable plants to grow in as broad masses as the garden will allow as part of a scheme for bold succession effects.

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Two or three more weeks and the odd heavy shower and we shall be running round with canes and string trying belatedly to prop up herbaceous plants. The problem is more acute the older the plants get and the more richly planted the garden, since everything then tends to draw up its neighbour. The most successfully staked borders I have seen have always had short pea sticks put round the plants early in the season. All right in country areas or if you have a supply of hazel bushes of your own. But what do you do in urban areas?

One answer is the so-called Link stakes build up with a strong wire unit like a letter L upside down with the tail pushed into the ground. Where the cross member joins is a ring and the other end is crooked to fit in it. So you can build up triangles and squares by linking them to act as cradles for the rising stems of the plants and keep them reasonably together. They can stand a foot high, or two feet or even four. They come from Link Stakes of Upper Boddington, Daventry NN11 6DL, who will send a leaflet on receipt of a 14p stamp.

An alternative — and I have a set that have lasted me many years now — is the Power system. This consists roughly of a circle of board-meshed netting that stands on three stout wire stems that are thrust into the ground, and again the plant grows up through it and is held firm. Here the suppliers are Power Garden Products, The Shambles, Warwick Road, Chadwick End, Warwick, who will also send a leaflet on receiving a stamp.

Last season I noticed at Wisley that they had staked all their peonies—notorious floppers—by surrounding each plant with a tube of course netting of the kind used for fencing in pigs and sheep. You get this from agricultural merchants, though only in quite large rolls. I find this also serves particularly well for using on walls and fences to serve as trellis for training plants to and is very easily fixed to those long-shanked hooks called vine eyes, obtainable from local garden shops.

Chill winds and grey skies have actually enhanced the prospects for next week's Chelsea Flower Show. Forcing is no problem for the growers who co-operately make up the show, but holding back plants can be.

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Among the gardens laid out in the Main Avenue will be one sponsored by THE DAILY TELEGRAPH/SUNDAY TELEGRAPH with the co-operation of the nursery firm of Cramphorn. While it has been designed for the enjoyment of outdoor living as well as the home practice of horticulture, it has also been conceived as a garden to be enjoyed from the windows of the house.

The organisers, the Royal Horticultural Society, are this year urging as many visitors who can to go early in the morning or in the late afternoon and evening in order to try to even out the numbers. The show is open to the public on Wednesday and Thursday, 8-8, and Friday 8-5, after the private view for the Society's members on Tuesday (8-8).

Over its four days Chelsea Show attracts nearly a quarter million visitors. Its character is preserved by the most limited crowd control but the Society says that if more people could find it possible to go at these times it would allow everyone to take advantage of the unrivalled opportunity for getting on terms of close acquaintance, even intimacy, with a greater range of garden and indoor plants than can be seen at any other gardening function in the world.

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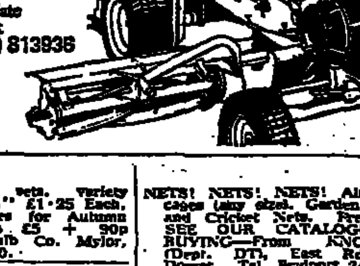

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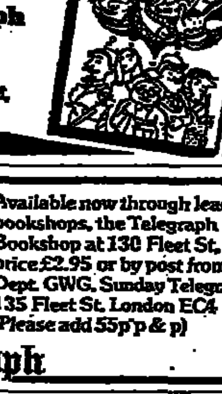

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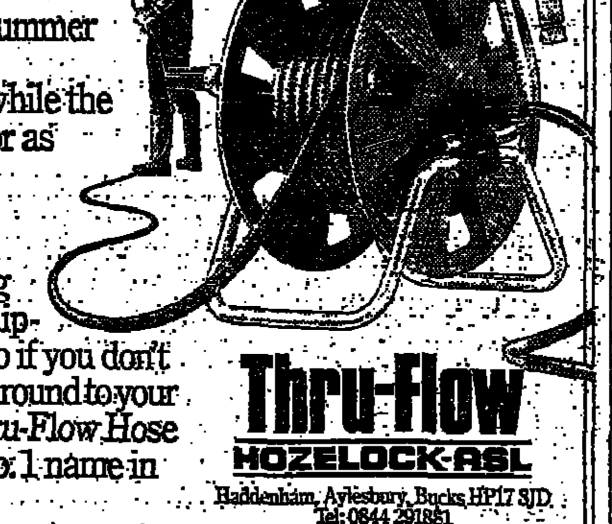

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Yesterday in Parliament

'KERB-CRAWL' BILL MAKES A COMEBACK

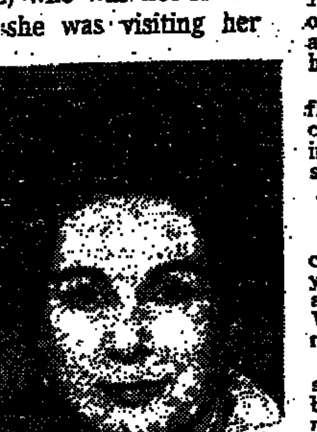
By ANTHONY LOOCH

A PRIVATE MEMBER'S BILL to outlaw "kerb-crawling," which its opponents had apparently blocked successfully the previous Friday, received a surprise third reading in the Commons yesterday when its principal opponent unexpectedly withdrew his opposition.

The Bill was sponsored by Miss JANET FOOKES (C. Plymouth Drake) who was not in the Chamber yesterday because she was visiting her constituency.

The previous week, tempers had flared in the Commons after Mr Matthew Parris (C., Derbyshire W.) spoke for more than an hour against the Bill.

When the Bill failed to complete its report stage, Miss Fookes told Mr Parris and another of its opponents, Mr Anthony Marlow (C., Northampton N.) that she was deeply disappointed, hurt and angered by their behaviour.



Miss FOOKES: "I am thrilled and delighted."

Reached agreement

Mr Parris denied that he wished to obstruct the Bill. He said there was a need for the problem of kerb-crawling to be redressed by law, but that it should be done by means of a Government Bill.

"There is a need for the law on prostitution generally, to be reformed," he added.

Yesterday however, it was revealed that he had reached agreement with Mr David Mellor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary, Home Affairs, and so the Bill now seems likely to become law.

Mr PAPRRIS told the Commons yesterday that he did not believe there would be government legislation reforming the law on prostitution, either in the present Parliament or the next.

Mr PARRIS: Opposition withdrawn.

Great reluctance

It would not be right to hold the general public "to hostage" over the nuisance of kerb-crawling and so, with great reluctance, he would now support the Bill.

He still believed the Bill to be imperfect, but he hoped it would eventually emerge from the Lords suitably amended.

Mr Parris's main objection to the Bill is that it makes it an offence for a man to solicit a woman from a car, but does not stipulate "persistently."

He believes that as the Bill now stands, it discriminates unfairly against a man soliciting a woman from a car, compared with a man soliciting another man in the street, or a woman soliciting a man.

He told the Commons yesterday that he was still certain of the strength of his argument, but was content to leave the matter to the House of Lords to decide.

Grey area

Mr MELLOR paid tribute to Mr Parris for his change of attitude. The only way to end the nuisance of kerb-crawling was to send out a clear message that anyone who indulged in it was liable to prosecution, he said. The word "persistently" would weaken the Bill.

Mr Mellor said: "I do not approach this matter on the basis that there should be hundreds and thousands of prosecutions up and down the country. No one would want that, but at the moment there is a great grey area here."

Dealing with anxieties expressed during the debate, that the police would use female agents provocateurs to entrap motorists when the Bill became law, Mr Mellor said he wanted to restate the Government's position on this matter.

"We deprecate and deplore the use of agents provocateurs. We aim to ensure in the discussions we have with police forces up and down the country, that police forces orders reflect the extent of public concern that would arise if such police tactics were to be employed," he said.

The House rose at 3.3 p.m.

MPs no rowdier than in past, says Speaker

By JAMES WIGHTMAN Political Correspondent

MR WEATHERILL, Speaker of the House of Commons, spoke lightheartedly last night about maintaining order among M Ps, particularly during questions to the Prime Minister.

He said it was "one of the great myths" that behaviour in the Commons was worse now than in the past.

"I see from Press reports a suggestion that the Prime Minister has asked for my protection. Anyone who knows Mrs Thatcher knows that she does not need my protection and that certainly she would never ask for it."

Mr Weatherill was speaking at a reception in the Great Hall, Addington Place, Croydon, where a portrait of him by David Griffiths was presented.

The Speaker told the reception last night that those former Speakers whose portraits were in his official residence at Westminster had on thing in common: they all looked worried.

"They all had a lot to be worried about," he said, recalling trouble which some of his predecessors had had to face.

'Democratic feature'

After one clash between Gladstone and Parnell in 1881, he recalled, Hansard, the official record, had reported that proceedings in the Commons had continued "in indescribable disorder."

Despite impressions to the contrary, he said, that was not the situation today.

He added "The chamber of the House of Commons is a forum for the nation and Prime Minister's questions is an opportunity for leaders of the Opposition and the minority arties as well as backbench M Ps to put questions to the Prime Minister.

"It is a uniquely democratic feature of the British parliament and an opportunity, now that proceedings are broadcast, for the Prime Minister, leaders of the Opposition parties and others to seek to give a message to the nation.

"Given that Parliament is and should be the forum of the nation, I welcome it."

HOME SALE COMMITMENT 'STANDS'

THE Government commitment to legislate to allow banks and building societies to undertake conveyancing still stands, Ministers insisted yesterday.

Their insistence came despite exchanges in the Commons on Thursday during which Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney-General, appeared to drop the undertaking.

The official Government line is that they still intend a new law "next" year to end the monopoly of solicitors on house conveyancing, but that problems over conflict of interest aer causing problems in drafting the precise method of doing this.

Mr Austin Mitchell, Labour MP for Great Grimsby, dropped the Private Member's Bill he had introduced after the promise from the Government to bring in its own legislation allowing banks and building societies to compete for the business.

He said after Sir Michael's statement in the Commons that if the Government did not go ahead "I have been conned." Yesterday, however, Ministers said the commitment had been given to legislate for building societies and banks next year. That commitment stood, they insisted.

Sir Michael was challenged about Press reports that the Government had dropped its commitment to alow banks and building societies to do their own conveyancing.

He told the Commons: "I cannot give . . . undertaking. There are great anxieties about what could be a conflict of interest and the need to protect the conumer."

Call for new evidence in Maguire case

By WALTER ABURN Parliamentary Staff

EXPERTS who have questioned the value of evidence which resulted in prison sentences for members of the Maguire family in 1975 were called on in the Lords yesterday to submit any evidence of their own to the Home Secretary without delay so that it may be properly examined.

The request by Lord GLENARTHUR, Home Office Under Secretary, followed a debate in which Lord Fitt (Lab.) called on the Government to reopen the case of "Auntie" Annie Maguire and her family.

Mrs Maguire and her husband each served 10 years of the 14-year jail sentences imposed on them for allegedly running an I R A bomb factory in their home.

Five other members of the family, all of whom have continually protested their innocence, served shorter sentences.

Rubber glove

The forensic evidence in the case was produced by an 18-year-old apprentice scientist in a government laboratory at Woolwich and is now widely regarded as unreliable.

Scrapings of nitrate of glycerine were allegedly found beneath the fingernails of family members and on a rubber glove, but no other chemicals were ever discovered in exhaustive police searches in and around the home.

Lord FITT protested that their's was the only case in modern times where conviction took place on such flimsy evidence—a single chemical test.

Lord Fitt, former S D L P leader and ex-West Belfast M P said: "I am proud to stand here today and tell you that I have Annie Maguire, her husband and young son in the gallery of this House."

It was ten years since he had first become involved in the case. He said he was "totally convinced of the innocence of all those involved." He had support in his campaign from many highly respected quarters including the BELFAST TELEGRAPH "which is not a supporter of the idea of a united Ireland."

He said th eevidene eagainst Mrs Maguire was just a substance the size of "one millionth of a sugar cube" found on a rubber glove which police said they removed from her north London house. The glove had been kept at Scotland Yard for five days before being sent to the Government laboratory for tests.

Lord Fitt said there was new material about the case which should persuade the Home Seractrye pclooqcv AR TH T Secretary to re-open it. Firstly, a leading scientist had staked his reputation on the fact that the test had been incomplete.

Secondly, the rules had been changed so that no one was any longer brought to court and convicted on forensic evidence alone. Thirdly, there was now a great deal of doubt in scientific circles as to whether nitroglycerine was the only substance which could have given the result under test.

Independent group

Lord GLENARTHUR said the case had been considered at great length and with great care at the trial and in the Court of Appeal.

He could do no more than undertake that if experts' findings are made available to the Home Office they will be looked at most carefully to see what light if any they throw on the convictions.

It was difficult to see what purpose would be served by an inquiry.

Mrs Maquire said after the debate: "I am delighted and very encouraged by what has been said. I never thought my case would be heard in the House of Lords. But I will never give up the fight to clear my name."

WETMINSTER GUILTY OF COLOUR BAR

Conservative-controlled Westminster council was rightly accused of operating a colour bar over the appointment of dustmen, the Appeal Court ruled yesterday. The three judges reached their decision by a 2-1 majority. The council is expected to ask the House of Lords to quash the non-discrimination notice issued against it by the Commission for Racial Equality under the Race Relations Act.

It had argued that it was unjust for the commission to have named its assistant director of cleansing, Mr Derek Rolfe, in the notice and asked the judges to overturn Mr Justice Woolf's r e f u s a l in February last year to quash the notice.

The council claimed there commission's finding that he was no evidenc eto support the had discriminated against a black worker, Mr Charles Edward, by withdrawing a job he had been offered in the northern part of the borough where all but one employee was white.

LINE REOPENING TO EXPRESSES

British Rail is to reopen the Barmouth viaduct across the Mawddach estuary on the Cambrian Coast line to express trains from next May, after spending £1·5 millions on repairs.

The viaduct, closed to all trains in 1980 because teredo ship-worms had damaged its wooden stanchions, was re-opened to light diesel multiple unit trains in 1981.

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WORLD OF BOOKS — MAX HASTINGS

A battle for selection

SOME weeks ago I had a letter out of the blue from that organisation whose objectives are so dear to all right-thinking authors, the Book Marketing Council. Their spring promotion for 1985, they said, would focus upon Writers On War. Would I like to join a panel chaired by the excellent Prof Norman Stone, seconded by that distinguished critic Miss Jill Neville, to pick a list of 20 memorable works on war in the 20th century?

If one cannot be among the chosen, it seems flattering enough to be among the choosers. We asked about boundries. Mainstream military history was out, we were told, so no Terraine, Barnett or Howard.

We were permitted, however, to consider works that seemed to form part of literature rather than history. It was also made clear that some balance was expected of us—between living writers and dead ones, prose and poetry, the First World War and other conflicts of the century. Each of us began to range along our own bookshelves, and to massage cherished prejudices.

It is easy to draw up a long list of worthwhile books about war. Yet my first surprise, brooding on this exercise, was how few indisputably outstanding books clung to mind. When the three of us met, without hesitation we agreed upon Robert Graves's "Goodbye To All That"; Siegfried Sassoon's "Memoirs of George Sherston"; "The Poems Of Wilfred Owen", Jaroslav Hasek's "Good Soldier Svejk"; Evelyn Waugh's "Sword Of Honour"; Joseph Heller's "Catch 22" Norman Stone said we must include Mikhail Bulgakov's "The White Guard." Jill Neville proposed Elizabeth Bowen's "The Heat Of the Day."

Thereafter, our task became much more difficult. The First War should not be over-represented, and thus we passed over Rosenberg, Blunden, Manning. I was delighted to find the others sharing my lack of enthusiasm for Remarque's "All Quiet On The Western Front." To a modern eye, it seems laboured, unsubtle, crudely sentimental. With more difficulty, we determined to omit Hemingway. We were seeking to make the list at least somewhat original and unpredictable. Many of those readers most readily impressed by Hemingway as a writer on war are those with least perception of battlefields.

Seeking a book evocative of postwar guerilla conflict, we had no difficulty in choosing Graham Greene's "Quiet American." The Vietnam war has so far produced several American novels worth a couple of hours reading on an aeroplane, but nothing of comparable standing to Greene.

The nearest contender is the correspondent Michael Herr's "Despatches," which the others favoured including. On reflection, I now regret my own objections, which I think were provoked by distaste for the mood of that American war.

I *thought* that amid many works which reflected the horror of conflict, we should include at least one that treated war as adventure — which for many young men, it has been. We added Churchill's "My Early Life," surely the best book he ever wrote. I was dismayed that the publishers of John Master's "Bugles and A Tiger," would not consider a reprint, so his work could not be a candidate for the list. Masters enchantingly evokes the professional soldier's love for his men and his trade in the latter days of empire.

More serious losses on the same grounds were "Homage to Catalonia" and "The Military Philosophers." Orwell's publishers felt that the Orwell industry had achieved saturation in 1984. We were told that Anthony Powell is no longer as fashionable as he was a decade or so ago. So much the worse for book readers. Powell's evocation of war in Whitehall is superb. His books covering the 1939-45 period inevitably overshadowed by those of Waugh, seem to me, who was not born until after VJ-Day, a matchless evocation of the less heroic aspects of English society at war.

We included John Keegan's "The Face of Battle" as a work that transcends military history. Keegan demonstrates how an academic who has never seen a battlefield can create a brilliant portrait of its reality. We wanted to add Alastair Horne's narrative of Verdun, "The Price of Glory," on much the same grounds, but the publishers declined to consider a reprint to support the promotion.

The fact that we were unable to include such authors as Alastair Horne, Powell, Orwell on our list for mundane commercial reasons emphasises that it would be absurd to describe this as "the best" of anything.

Air warfare has thus far produced only three undisputed classics: V. M. Yeates's "Winged Victory"; Cecil Lewis's "Sagittarius Rising"; Richard Hillary's "Last Enemy." We chose Lewis, though I should not offer swords or pistols to anyone who favoured one of the others.

The sea. The sea. Why is it that naval warfare in the 20th century has produced so little memorable writing? There have been some fine histories by such writers as Roskill and Marder; some workmanlike admirals' biographies; some good submariners' memoirs. But the only book which still seems to me brilliantly to evoke the experience of the Battle of the Atlantic, a novel which has profoundly influenced a vast readership, is Monsarrat's "The Cruel Sea."

Jill Neville was highly dubious about this choice, and we debated hotly. She found Monsarrat's prose pedestrian, to put it politely. Our differences were resolved as these things usually are. She withdrew her reservations about "The Cruel Sea", and I withdrew mine about several contemporary novels dear to her heart: Susan Hill's "Strange Meeting"; J. G. Ballard's "Empire Of The Sun"; David Hughes's "The Pork Butcher".

We added: James Fenton's "The Memory Of War," based upon his experience in Indochina, as a bow to contemporary poetry. Norman Stone said that we must have one of A. J. P. Taylor's works. We settled for "*Origins Of The Second World War.*" Eric Newby's "Love And War In The Apennines" came in, a beautifully written narrative from the margin of military experience in World War II. The others strongly urged the cause of a book I had not then read, "Eleni" a powerful pursuit of a writer's postwar pursuit of his own past in Greece during the civil war.

Of those we did not include, I feel most personal regret that we did not mention Chester Wilmot's "Struggle For Europe," a towering book which still reads superbly well even after 30 years of subsequent historical revelation.

Yet even as everybody agrees (as everybody always does in these cases) what a mess we made of our list-making, the very controversy spurs interest in the books, and in some sadly neglected writers. I should like to think this alone justifies all our haggling and horse-trading.

Henry Moore's "King and Queen," on Glenkiln Farm, Dumfries.

ART — TERENCE MULLALY

Figures in a landscape

ONE THING unites those works of art which have come to be symbols and to occupy a place in national awareness independent of their artistic merits. They are all dependent on their setting.

Only occasionally, as with Falconet's "Bronze Horseman," the equestrian figure of Peter the Great in Leningrad, are they both great works of art and symbols. The Statue of Liberty or Nelson's Column would be virtually meaningless removed from their position. In any case how many people even know whose work they are?

Recognition of this fact that sculpture more than *any other* art, certainly much more than painting, is inseparable from where it is, has led to some of the most successful ventures in the art of our time. These are the sculpture gardens and related projects now to be found all over the world. They take their place beside Versailles, the Gardens at Peterhof, Caserta and those other classic examples of the same sort of thing from the past.

What is encouraging is that one of the most original and successful ideas of this kind has been realised in England—the Grizedale Forest sculpture project in approximately 8,700 acres between Windermere and Coniston Water, in the Lake District. Typical of our casual attitudes towards the arts is the fact that this scheme has not received the attention it deserves.

The point is raised that the relationship between sculpture and its setting is a good deal more complicated than it appears to the layman. This relationship varies, from a *piece of sculpture being conceived* and executed with a particular place and role in view to sculpture being arbitrarily sited. In the latter case, the venture may or may not work: inevitably often it does not. The most obvious examples from the past of the former are the sculptures found on the façades of so many mediaeval cathedrals. Yet there are, too, plenty of examples from the present.

Brancusi's "The Endless Column"* would be impressive anywhere, but it is doubly moving rising from the flat countryside of his native Rumania, near his birthplace, and because of its role as a *memorial to those who died in* the Great War. Going to the other extreme, Henry Moore's "Knife Edge Two Piece," in Abingdon Gardens, opposite the House of Lords, is sadly misplaced. We either come to dislike sculpture in a setting like this, where it does not work, or else we learn not to notice it.

The Grizedale Forest sculpture project does go to one extreme. Here, nature is dominant: each piece of sculpture has been created for a particular spot in the forest.

Knowledge of how this venture came about and how it operates is instructive to an understanding of the ways in which patronage can be made to work. Grizedale Forest is not new to art, for Bill Grant, the now-retired chief forester, founded and directed the Theatre in the Forest. The sculpture scheme is even more original.

The result is to complement nature, to make even more fascinating a forest which is largely coniferous, but which includes about 20 per cent. deciduous cover. Anyone who wanders through the trees is continually surprised. Suddenly to come on things as exciting as Donald Rankin's "The Fort," which might easily be mistaken for an ancient building, or David Kemp's amusing "Rook Crossing," is to find a new dimension added to nature.

In most cases the sculptors have used materials to be found in the forest. Inevitably, much of their work is only semi-permanent, indeed some pieces have already collapsed or decayed, but we have fortunately been given a permanent record in the form of a book published by the Sunderland Arts Centre.* It is fascinating to compare it with another new book,† which deals with sculpture gardens all over the world. The Grizedale sculpture project takes its place alongside the most successful of them, such as the Hakone Open-Air Museum in Japan and the Billy Rose Sculpture Garden in Jerusalem.

*" *A Sense of Place: Sculpture in Landscape," edited by Peter Davies and Tony Knipe (Ceolfrith Press, paperback, £7·50).*

†" *Music in Stone," Frederick Muller (Muller, Blond and White, £24·95).*

MUSIC — ROBERT HENDERSON

The world in one

IN AN AGE OF intensive specialisation, preoccupied with the study of strictly circumscribed areas of knowledge in almost talmudic and often tortuously unreadable detail, the very idea of a synoptic, one-volume history of the world's music by a single author could well appear to be the kind of venture that has been finally relegated to the past.

As Gerald Abraham suggested in 1979 in the introduction to his "Concise Oxford History of Music," the vast accumulation of information has made such an enterprise almost an anachronistic folly. There is now hardly a facet of music's long history that is not readily accessible to anybody interested in it, either in specialised monographs or on record. No longer is it surprising to find alongside the familiar masterpieces of the European tradition in even the most modest of record collections examples of mediaeval polyphony, Byzantine chant, Albanian folk epics, Indian classical music, or the fugitive, intangible sounds of Japanese court music.

The enormous advances in the related disciplines of anthropology, archaeology and comparative mythology have also enabled musicologists to reconstruct with some accuracy the musical life of cultures as seemingly impenetrable as those of the stone ages in which music was an integral part of ritual superstition and magical incantation, and of which survivals can be found in various archaic societies that still exist today, or in primitive work songs with their endless, obsessive repetitions.

Perhaps the proper repository for this profusion of accumulated knowledge is in such collective enterprises as the multi-volume "New Oxford History of Music," of which Dr Abraham is also the general editor. Yet if proof was needed of the continuing validity of the one-author survey, it is decisively provided by his own Concise History, which has just appeared in paperback for the first time*, and which, in roughly 900 pages of brilliantly marshalled detail, with brief interludes on the exotic music's of the Near and Far East, Africa and America, traces music's long adventure from its first intimated beginnings to the death of Stravinsky in 1971. For there will always be a place for writers of his startlingly comprehensive erudition.

And those same qualities that distinguish the history, the same trenchant liveliness in the writing that draws the reader irresistibly on, the instantly clarifying ability to synthesise *the most intimate of detail and* the broadest of perspectives, the refreshing confidence of his boldly stated, and sometimes controversial judgments, can be observed working just as effectively, if on a much smaller scale, in his latest collection of Essays on Russian and East European Music†, published to commemorate his 80th birthday last year.

Providing what might be described as the *supporting pillars* of the collection are three succinctly majesterial surveys of Polish, Czech and Russian song, vividly characterising the distinctive features of such major figures as Tchaikovsky, Mussorgsky, Rachmaninov or Szymanowski against the background of a host of just as neatly identified minor, and sometimes virtually unknown composers.

Interspersed with these are essays exploring what Denis Arnold in his foreword to the volume calls the dustier corners of music history. But he knows precisely what to include and what to leave out to offer the maximum interest and enlightenment.

On his own admittance, a good deal of the music examined in at least some of the essays turns out to be rather feeble, to use one of his favourite *words. What then are their pur*pose for the more general reader? The answer Dr Abraham partly supplies when, in writing about the 18th-century Polish symphony, he notes that, mostly written by the local composer for the local band, they "must clearly not be judged by international standards, but if studied sympathetically for what they are, these unpretentious—sometimes quite primitive—works or art offer a great deal of interest."

Some readers of the essays on Russian, Polish and Czech song may be slightly disappointed that they stop short of some of the more important of today's composers. But Dr Abraham has a plausible answer to that too, when he remarks that with all contemporary or near-contemporary art one is too near the picture to see it clearly. The historian does wisely to leave it alone.

* OUP £12·95.

† OUP £19·50.

BRIDGE — G. C. H. FOX

MOST PLAYERS succeeded in in bidding and making 6♥ on this hand from the third session of the *Garmore Jersey Festival* of Bridge, but the contract can be defeated by either one or two tricks, depending on whether North or South was declarer:

Dealer East. Game All.

North: ♠A K Q ♥A Q J 10 6 4 ♦A K 7 ♣7

West: ♠J 8 7 5 4 3 ♥2 ♦10 8 6 ♣K Q 8

East: ♠— ♥8 3 ♦J 9 5 4 ♣A 10 9 5 4 3 2

South: ♠10 9 6 2 ♥K 9 7 5 ♦Q 3 2 ♣J 6

S.	W.	N.	E.
			3♣
—	—	4♣	—
4♥	—	6♥	Dble

North's hand is too strong for a double and the immediate overall of opponent's suit shows a very strong hand. East makes a "Lightner" double, asking partner to make an unusual lead. This would exclude clubs and trumps, leaving the choice between diamonds and spades, the latter being the obvious choice.

West *should* lead ♠5, *his* lowest, suggesting the return of the lower of the two remaining suits in dummy, clubs or diamonds. East ruffs, returns a low club to the ♣K and a second spade ruff defeats the contract by two.

The defence is more difficult if North is declarer. This may be the result of West support*ing clubs, bidding 4♣ over 3♣* defensively. East should lead a club other than the ace, say ♣10. West wins with ♣Q and should interpret the lead as a suit preference for a spade return.

The gambling opening of 3 NT was in evidence on this hand from the second session of the pairs:

Dealer South. Game All.

North: ♠A 6 2 ♥A 9 5 3 ♦A Q J 9 5 ♣9

West: ♠K J 9 8 7 ♥K Q 10 8 2 ♦6 ♣6 4

East: ♥J 7 6 4 ♦K 8 4 3 ♣10 8 ♣Q 4 3

South: ♠10 5 ♥— ♦10 7 2 ♣A K Q J 7 5 3 2

Many East-West pairs played in 4♥ doubled, losing 500, a cheap save. At one table the bidding was:

S.	W.	N.	E.
3NT	4♥	6♣	—

It may be tempting to double 4♥ but the penalty is unlikely to be sufficient to compensate for a vulnerable game or slam. With the knowledge of South holding a long completely solid club suit the prospects of a slam are good and as it may be better for the lead to come up to North, 6♣ is the best bid. A rather similar situation arose in the final session:

Dealer North. Love All.

North: ♠K 8 3 ♥5 ♦A K Q 10 9 7 4 ♣8 6

West: ♠10 9 2 ♥A Q J 10 9 2 ♦— ♣J 10 9 3

East: ♠J 6 5 ♥6 4 3 ♦6 5 3 2 ♣7 5 2

South: ♠A Q 7 4 ♥K 8 7 ♦J 8 ♣A K Q 4

Many gained an undeserved good result playing in 6 NT by North. This is unsound because it would fail if East led a heart, but East had no reason to do that, so all 13 tricks were made.

North is not strictly correct to open 3 NT, as the modern version of the bid excludes any king or ace outside the solid minor. If, however, North does open 3 NT South should reply 6♣ to protect the ♥K.

If North opens 1♦, South can become declarer in 6 NT if he can be sure that North's diamonds are solid. This can be shown by a jump bid in a forcing situation. The bidding might be:

S.	W.	N.	E.
		1♦	—
3♣	3♥	5♦	—
6NT			

Following South's game-forcing fake out of 3♣, North's jump to 5♦ shows a solid self-supporting suit since 4♦ would be forcing.

A similar message would be conveyed by North bidding 1♦, South 3♦ and North 4♦; or North 2♦, South 3♥ or 3♦; or North 3♦, South 4♥; or North 1♦, South 2♣, North 3♦ and South 4♣.

NATURE

HOUSE hunting has started in the garden: great and blue tits are investigating the nestboxes. Sometimes one bird on its own visits a nestbox, but when a pair inspect together, one feels the search is becoming serious, and the nesting season will soon be at its height.

The choice of a nesting place is not made lightly. The male may take his mate to look at several possible sites, but she appears to be the one to make the final choice. She flies in and out repeatedly and pecks around the entrance hole. This may be to check that the entrance is of a suitable diameter and that the timber is not rotten.

How the final choice is made is something of a mystery and, although nestboxes are popular with birds, they may be less than ideal because their walls are less solid than those of a natural cavity in a tree. A squirrel can enlarge the entrance of a nestbox to get in and rob the nest, while a woodpecker may drill a hole in the side and seize the nestlings.

A nestbox provides less insulation from the elements than a natural cavity and this may delay nesting. Females lay later if they are in nestboxes set in exposed positions, because the birds will expend more energy keeping warm while roosting at night. This means that they have to divert their resources *from manufacturing eggs*. Later, a warm nest allows them to spend less time brooding the nestlings so they can concentrate on food getting.

MAURICE BURTON

ARTS REVIEWS

TELEVISION /

Urban eyesores

AFTER JUST a glimpse of the planning problems besetting Mexico City, the world's largest, the question of whether to build a 20th century masterpiece/eyesore designed by Mies van der Rohe, one of the founding fathers of 20th-century architecture, rapidly diminished in importance.

So it was perhaps wise last night of *Omnibus* (BBC-1) to treat "The Battle of Mansion House Square," not with levity but with a lightness of touch that on occasion turned to gentle mockery.

The main arguments for and against replacing the existing Victorian buildings with the Mies *tower* were precisely delineated as were the protagonists, whether the alsatian-guarded "would-be" developer, Peter Palumbo, or the cuddly, bicycling Robert Thorne of the GLC's Historic Buildings Division.

But it was hard to credit that the motives of everyone involved in the battle for this prime site were purely altruistic. What was lacking was any indication of the financial imperatives.

How much has Mr Palumbo spent since 1968 buying 345 leaseholds on the six-acre site? What does he stand to lose or gain, if the decision now resting with Patrick Jenkin, the Environment Secretary, goes against him?

Meanwhile Mexico City is trying to cope with a problem of a rather different scale. Its present population of 17 million is due to double by the end of the century.

The World About Us (BBC-2) sought to examine that dilemma in "Mexico City—A Day in Three Lives."

All three of them, a poor 13-year-old hoping to make his fortune as a fighter, a rich designer of exotic high fashion and an *English-trained urban* planner all had televisual tales to tell.

But the architect, until recently director of urban planning for the city, had such an articulate grasp of the size and complexity of the problem that he deserved a more central, cohesive role.

His was no mere technocratic assessment but one that seemed to be born of an identification with and love for the teeming metropolis. "Poor Mexico, so far from God, so close to the United States," he mourned. "You reached for a borrowed lifestyle and paid for it with borrowed money."

In Who Cares (C4) Joan Shenton was properly seeking to improve Britain's system of preventive medicine which, according to its practitioners, is in some need of improvement.

Robin Stringer

CONCERT / LSO Myung-Whun Chung

IT OUGHT probably to be no surprise, considering the fickle nature of something as inexplicably obtuse as the concert repertory, that while making at least moderately familiar the "War" symphonies of Shostakovich, it has kept obstinately in the shadows music of as comparable an originality and fascination as the Sixth Symphony of Prokofiev.

One of the most rivetingly powerful of 20th-century symphonic scores, and given an enthralling performance by the London Symphony Orchestra at the Barbican on Thursday, on the tautly committed direction of the young Korean conductor, Myung-Whun Chung, it is a work that I cannot recall ever having heard in the concert hall before.

Yet its impact is startlingly immediate, the composer's delayed reactions to the war and to man's indomitable spirit—for though not produced until 1947, its main ideas had been mapped out some years earlier—expressed in music of an undiluted harshness, searing intensity, expansively impassioned melodies and a typical brilliance and daring in its orchestral sound. Even the seemingly optimistic thrust of the finale is deceptive, its bracing gusto and rumbustious humour pervaded by a mood more of bitter irony than any real comfort.

Representing Prokofiev at his most uncompromising, its anguished tone sharpened by the snarling brass and high, shrill wind that are consistent features of its orchestration, the graphic intensity of the playing fittingly matched in all three movements the imposing stature of one of the most remarkable, if neglected, products of the war years.

Little more than expertly routine in Beethoven's "Coriolan" overture, orchestra and conductor responded vividly to the fiery temperament of their, as always, exceptionally stimulating soloist, Boris Belkin, in the Sibelius Violin Concerto. With Belkin there are never any half measures, nothing that can ever be taken for granted, his virtuosity compelling attention by its thrilling sense of adventure, and by its willingness to take every kind of risk in its effort to probe every aspect of the music's profile and character.

Robert Henderson

ART /

English watercolours

ONE of the rewarding things about English watercolour painting is that we still have much to learn both about the acknowledged major masters and also the lesser known artists. And we are reminded of this by the exhibition at Colnaghi's until May 24.

Not only does it include examples of the most familiar masters of English watercolour painting, among them Constable, Cox, De Wint, David Roberts, Rowlandson, Sandby, Warwick Smith, Towne and Varley, but there is also a most interesting group of 15 watercolours and drawing by Edward Webb. This artist, who was born in 1805 and died in 1854, is not as well known as he deserves to be.

He is seen at Colnaghi's as a watercolourist with a considerable range. There are freely executed watercolours and drawings of country scenes and buildings, very much in the central English tradition and making a striking contrast with two pencil and watercolour studies of the artist's son aged 13. These are of unusual interest, for they reveal that Webb, when closely involved, went beyond competence; they are indeed at once fresh and penetrating.

It is all good, in this year in which we are a little belatedly celebrating the birth in 1784 of Peter De Wint, to see another group of his work.

Also thoroughly worthwhile is the inclusion in the exhibition of unusually good examples of artists now largely forgotten. Among them pride of place must go to a country scene, signed and dated '87 by William Frazer Garden. It is one of those watercolours which captures the very essence of rural England.

Also attractive and of much historical interest is the watercolour of "Coade's Manufactory, Pedlars Acre, London," by Charles Tomkins. This detailed watercolour, dating from 1798, should certainly go to a public collection, if only because of the splendid Coade-stone figures we see through the doorway.

Terence Mullaly

MIME / Leslie Felbain

LESLIE FELBAIN is an American artist with an extensive training in mime — including works with Jacques Lecoq in Paris — and she has also had a good deal of training in other branches of the theatre, notably tap dancing, modern dance and circus work. When she last performed at Oval House, she made a striking and very individual impact but her current piece "The Big Deal" — staged with the collaboration of the director, T. Riccio, can only be described as promising.

The new piece was inspired by the writings of Kafka but it has roots in the America of today, as distinct from Kafka's fantasy-land.

When Miss Felbain draws on her highly developed professional skills, she achieves effective satire. This is true of the early scenes, when she shows two totally brainwashed Americans, wearing huge Lecoq-style masks: the man is an extremely dull person, interested only in looking at television, and his wife is extremely silly, longing in vain for her husband to respond to her in bed but having to be content with performing a feeble imitation of a strip-tease. There is another crisply satirical scene near the end, when a *political leader* wearing a Commedia dell' art mask performs an erotic dance with a child's top, taking the form of a shuttle rocket ship.

In between, however, Miss Felbain's movements are dull, and the satire falls flat — presumably because the director did not realise the importance of making imaginative use of the performer's varied skills. What she needs to do now is to re-work the whole central section of her piece, giving vivid expression to her excellent ideas.

Fernau Hall

Some of these reviews appeared in later editions yesterday.

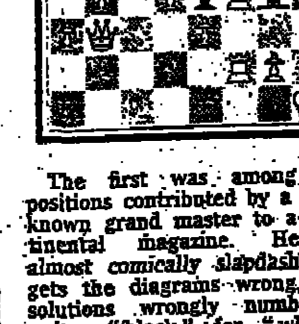
CHESS — B. H. WOOD

Neat endings in Austria

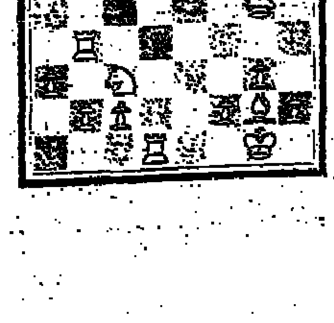
FROM AUSTRIA, long a home of fine chess, come these neat finishes. All were won, slickly, by Black.

Won by Pokojowczyk

Won by Hoehn



Won by Wilimane



The first was among six positions contributed by a well-known grand master to a continental magazine. He is almost *comically slapdash*. He gets the diagrams wrong, the solutions wrongly numbered, writes "black" for "white" and vice versa. It is maddening to try to find a solution for half an hour and then, when you give it up in despair, to find there isn't one because a pawn has been missed off the diagram. Comic, but I don't smile—"there but for the grace of . . ."

1 . . .		RxN
2 QxR		RxP

Threatening 3 . . R-R5ch.

3 R-B2		B-K4,

and now *no* move avails. White is quite lost.

The second position:

1 . . .		QxN
2 PxQ		RxRch
3 B-B1		B-R6

White is helpless against the threat of 4 . . . RxB mate. Had he tried 2 RxR, Black would not have needed to recapture, mating after 2 . . . Q-K8ch.

The third:

1 . . .		RxN
2 PxR		R-Q8ch
3 R-B1		R-R6!!

The best of the lot. Now on 4 PxB would come 4 . . . RxR mate. On 4 R(B4)xB, PxR and White is powerless, whether after 5 QxR QxNP mate, or 5 Q-B2 or P-N3, RxR mate; or 5 R-N1 by (if Black wants to do it elegantly) 5 . . . PxP mate.

BRAIN TWISTER

BT576: IT WAS, I think, in May, 1981 that we had a problem about adding up the page numbers of consecutive sheets torn from an old telephone directory. For instance, if one were to tear out two sheets bearing the four page-numbers 22, 23, 24, 25 their total would be 94. *But what if one* were to ask for the total of all the *digits* on the missing pages? That would be (2+2) + (2+3) + (2+4) + (2+5) = 22.

That is the Great Majisto's latest gimmick. Last week I saw him invite a member of the audience at the *Girostrip* to tear out a wad of 50 sheets from somewhere in an old directory. After the briefest glance at the mutilated volume, he instantly announced the total of all the digits in the 100 missing page-numbers as "*One thousand, one hundred and seventy-three.*" The answer came out long before the computer operator on the stage had managed to enter even the two page-numbers that faced the mutilated gap in the directory. What were the numbers of the missing pages?

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SOLUTION to BT575: Adding the original £1 stake to the *profit*, the *pay-outs* were A=21, B=51, C=91, D=221. In practice, these all factorise uniquely: 3x7, 3x17, 7x13, 13x17, equivalent to odds of 2 & 6, 2 & 16, 6 & 12, 12 & 16 (factors like 1x21 being excluded since no one would accept odds of 0:1). So the odds must have been W=2:1, X=6:1, Y=12:1, Z=16:1. So A backed W & X, B backed W & Z, C backed X & Y, D backed Y & Z.

D. St. P. BARNARD

ART GALLERIES

BANKSIDE GALLERY, Peter DeWint Bicentenary Exhibition. May 2-May 26. Open Tues.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 2-6. 48, HOPTON STREET, BLACKFRIARS, S.E.1. Tel.: 928 7521

BARBICAN ART GALLERY, Level 8, Barbican Centre, E.C.2. 01-638 4141. [illegible] 1945-80. From Today to June 30. Tues.-Sat. 10-6.45. Sun. Bank Hols. 12-5.45. Closed Mondays except B. Hols. Admission: £1.50; concessionaires 75p. Reduced rates for pre-booked parties. Related films, lectures and gallery talks: phone for details.

BRITISH LIBRARY, Great Russell St. W.C.1. SIGNS OF THE TIMES: The 200th Anniversary of the newspaper. Weekdays 10-5, Sun. 2.30-6. Admission free.

BRITISH MUSEUM, BRITISH LANDSCAPE WATERCOLOURS 1600-1860. Until 27 May. Mon.-Sat. 10-5, Sun. 2.30-6. Adm. free. Recorded info. 01-580 1788.

BROWSE & DARBY, 19 Cork Street, London, W.1. 01-734 7984. PHILIP SUTTON—recent paintings.

FINE ART SOCIETY, 148, New Bond St, W.1. 01-629 5116. SPRING EXHIBITION.

HAYWARD GALLERY (Arts Council), Southbank, London, S.E.1. DEGAS PRINTS and the 1985 HAYWARD ANNUAL. Until 7th July. Adm. £2.50, concessions £1.50 and for everyone all day Mon. and 6-8 p.m. Tues. & Wed. Mon.-Wed. 10-8. Thurs.-Sat. 10-6. Sun. 12-6.

MARTIN WARE Aquatints, MAL MAGSON New Aquaware until 15 June at Bohun Gallery, Station Road, Henley, Oxon.

NATIONAL GALLERY, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. 01-839 3321. Wkdys 10-6, Sun. 2-6. Adm. free. MASTERPIECES FROM THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND. Until 27 May. Recorded info. 01-839 3526.

OLD FIRE ENGINE HOUSE RESTAURANT & GALLERY, St Mary's Green, Ely, Cambs. (0353) 2582 MAC GREGORY recent paintings. & TOM ANDERSON paintings. Until 1st June. 10.30-10.30 Mon.-Fri. 10.30-5.30 Sat. 12.30-5.30 Sun. Closed Bank Holidays.

OMELL GALLERIES, 22 Bury St, S.W.1. Tel. 01-839 4274. Exhibition of marine paintings 13th May to 24th May Monday to Saturday, 10 till 6 p.m.

ROYAL ACADEMY OF ARTS, Burlington House, Piccadilly. Open 10-6 daily inc. Sun. EDWARD LEAR. ADM: £2. £1.40 concessionary rate and until 1.45 p.m. on Sundays.

THACKERY GALLERY, 18, Thackeray St., W.8. 937 5883. KYFFIN WILLIAMS—Recent Paintings. Until 31 May.

VICTORIA & ALBERT MUSEUM—the nation's treasure house. S. Kensington. Library by appt only. Weekdays 10-5.30. Sun. 2.30-5.30. Closed Fridays. Recorded info. 01-581 4894.

COURT AND SOCIAL

Court Circular

BUCKINGHAM PALACE, May 17.

The Queen arrived at Colchester North Railway Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Essex (Admiral Sir Andrew Lewis).

The Queen visited Essex University and, having been received by the Chancellor (the Right Hon. Sir Patrick Nairne), toured the Library and the Electronic Systems Engineering Department, escorted by the Vice-Chancellor (Dr. Albert E. Sloman).

Her Majesty then drove to Colchester Town Hall and honoured the Mayor of Colchester (Councillor J. R. H. Williams) with her presence at luncheon in the Moot Hall.

In the afternoon The Queen opened Colchester General Hospital and, after unveiling a commemorative plaque, toured the Wards, escorted by the Chairman, North East Essex Health Authority (Mr John Minter).

Her Majesty later left Ipswich Airport in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Hon. Mary Morrison, Mr Robert Fellowes and Major Hugh Lindsay were in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, resident of the Save the Children Fund, this morning visited the Fund's Shop at Newbury and, afterwards attended the Charity Day at Newbury Races in aid of the Fund.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the Royal County of Berkshire (Colonel the Hon. Gordon Palmer).

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Councillor John McKay, the Right Hon. the Lord Provost) was present at Edinburgh Airport this morning upon the departure of The resident of the Republic of Cameroon and Madame Biya and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE, May 17.

The Duke of Gloucester, Patron, The Heritage of London Trust, this morning visited the Church of St Lawrence Whitchurch, the Lawrence Campe's Almshouses and Lauderdale House, Highgate.

Lt-Col Sir Simon Bland was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE, May 17.

The Duke of Kent, Colonel, Scots Guards, this evening attended the London Branch of the Scots Guards Association's Dinner at Baronial Hall, Mincing Lane, London E.C.2.

Captain Charles Blount was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, today left RAF Northolt to attend the Tercentenary Celebrations of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards at Detwold, West Germany.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE, May 17.

Princess Alexandra and the Hon. Angus Ogilvy this morning visited Laxey, Ramsey, Andreas and the Wild Life Park at Ballaugh, Isle of Man.

Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of the Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, will present a new Guidon to the regiment whilst attending its tercentenary celebrations at Munster, West Germany, from May 24 to 26.

A memorial service for Prof. G. E. Briggs will be held today in the Chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, at noon.

A memorial service for Mr L. P. Wilkinson will be held today in the Chapel of King's College, Cambridge, at 2.30 p.m.

BIRTHDAYS TODAY AND TOMORROW

Pope John Paul II is 65 today. Mr D. Drysdale is 84; Mr F. J. Perry 76; Lord Hartwell 74; the Hon. Edmund Cokayne 69; Mr Charles Wintour 68; Dame Margot Fonteyn de Arias 66; Lord Aldenham 63; Prof. E. A. Marsland 62; Mr Norman St John-Stevas, M.P., 56; and Mr J. Clement 55.

Sir Kenneth Preston will be 84 tomorrow; Sir James Steel will be 76; Dr Max Perutz 71; Mr Ernst Fraenkel 62; Sir Edward Parkes 59; Mr A. I. Lenton 58; Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy 57; and the Earl of Pembroke 46.

Forthcoming Marriages

Mr D. I. C. Grant and Miss M. C. Innes of Learney

The engagement is announced between Duncan, youngest son of the late Sir Francis Grant of Monymusk and of Lady Tweedsmuir and stepson of Lord Tweedsmuir, and Maureen Cecilia, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Innes of Learney, Torphins, Aberdeenshire.

Dr C. J. Playfair and Miss J. S. Maybury

The marriage of Christopher, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Playfair, of Westcliff-on-Sea, and Joanna, eldest daughter of Canon and Mrs J. M. Maybury, of Crofton, Hants., will be celebrated at Holy Rood, Stubbington, on June 29.

Dr P. R. B. Boddington and Miss J. A. Jones

The engagement is announced between Philip, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. B. Boddington, of Walney Lane, Hereford, and Jennifer, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs M. M. Jones, of Radley College, Abingdon.

Mr S. S. B. Tarsnane and Miss E. Rich

The marriage will take place on June 8, 1985, at Billings, Montana, U.S.A., between Simon, youngest son of Colonel and Mrs B. J. Tarsnane, of Whitchurch Hill, Berkshire, and Ellen, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Rich, of Long Island, U.S.A.

Mr J. R. Henderson and Miss J. A. Madoc-Jones

The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. Henderson, of Clowne, Chesterfield, and Anne, elder daughter of Group Captain (Retd) and Mrs H. Madoc-Jones, of Oldwalls, Gower.

Mr D. E. J. Harness and Miss E. M. Stubbs

The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Edward Harness, of Brigg, South Humberside, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Group Captain D. R. Stubbs, D.S.O., O.B.E., D.F.C., R.A.F., and of Mrs Barbara Stubbs, of Pond Farm, Sutton, Norfolk.

Mr M. V. H. Llewellyn and Miss M. Greaney

The engagement is announced between Huw, younger son of Mr and Mrs M. D. Llewellyn, of Charlwood House, Ropley, Hampshire, and Mercedes, third daughter of Mrs G. Greaney, of 61, Willowside Way, Royston, Hertfordshire, and the late Mr M. A. G. Greaney, of Harare, Zimbabwe.

Mr D. H. Fell and Miss J. M. Bartram

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of the late Mr Robert Fell and of Mrs Catherine Fell, of Troutbeck, Windermere, and Jane, twin daughter of Mr Peter Bartram, of Northampton Park, London, N.1, and of Mrs Rosemarie Bartram, of Nutley, Sussex.

Mr C. Walker and Miss P. A. M. Williams

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs P. Walker, of Shoreham, Sussex, and Penelope, elder daughter of Mr C. G. MacG. Williams, of Balcombe, and Mrs A. M. M. Williams, of Cuckfield, Sussex.

Mr A. J. Percy and Miss B. Baybayon

The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs John Percy, of Weybridge, Surrey, and Begilda, youngest daughter of Mrs Baybayon, of Mindanao, Philippines.

Mr J. A. Summers and Miss A. J. McDonald

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs J. P. V. Summers, of Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Jane, younger daughter of the late Mr F. R. McDonald and of Mrs S. McDonald, of Sanderstead, Surrey.

Mr P. D. M. Nowell and Miss N. Usher

The engagement is announced between Peter Denovan, Mason, elder son of Mr and Mrs D. G. Nowell, of Wilmslow, Cheshire, and Nicola, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. H. Usher, of Mottram-St-Andrew, Cheshire.

Mr S. P. Seaton and Miss C. A. Hick

The engagement is announced between Simon Paul, only son of the late Mr Stanley Seaton and of Mrs Amy Seaton, of Looe, Cornwall, and Caroline Amanda, second daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hick, of Falmouth, Cornwall.

Mr J. Whitmarsh and Miss S. J. A. Malcolm

The engagement is announced between Jeremy, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Whitmarsh, of Great Bookham, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of Mr James Malcolm, of Richmond, Surrey, and Mrs Margaret Malcolm, of Bromley, Kent.

TEMPLE GROVE

To mark the 50th anniversary of Temple Grove School's move from Eastbourne to Heron's Ghyll and also the 175th anniversary of the original founding, a reunion of Old Temple Grovians will take place on Saturday, July 20. This will be in addition to the usual reunion on July 19 for OTGs still at their public schools. Invitations will be sent out shortly. Please write to the school confirming your address and mark envelope "OTG."

CHURCH SERVICES TOMORROW

The Sunday after Ascension Day

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 6 HC. 10 Mattins, Canon Peter Ball, Chancellor Designate (Britten); 11.30 HC (Stanford in C); 3.15 Evensong, Rev. Martin Peppiatt, Vicar of St Stephen's, Twickenham (Naylor in A).

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC. 10.30 Mattins, Rt Rev. E. G. Knapp-Fisher, Archdeacon (Vaughan Williams) 11.40 HC; 3 Evensong, Rev. J. Gillings, Vicar of St Mary's Bourne St, SW; 5.35 Recital Choir of St Brandon's School, Clevedon; 6.30 Evening Service, The Dean.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC. 11 Canon Keith Pound (Haydn's Jugendmesse); 3 Canon Gerald Parrott (Tomkins' Fifth Service).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 Canon Sam van Culin.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret St: 8 & 5.15 Low Masses, 10.20 Morning Prayer, 11 The Vicar; 6 Rev. J. S. W. Young.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place: 9.30 HC, 11 Rev. Andrew Cornes; 6.30 Rev. Roger Simpson (informal music).

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Rd: 8 HC, 9 Sung HC; 11 Rev. J. A. K. Millar; 6.30 Rev. John Collins.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11 Canon John Oates; 6.30 Canon M. M. Barlow.

ST CLEMENT DANE'S, Strand: 11 Resident Chaplain; 8.30 & 12.15 HC.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly: 8.30 HC; 11 (Search for Wholeness) Eucharist; 6 Evening Prayers.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster: 11 Canon Trevor Beeson; 8.15 & 12.15 HC.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington: 8 & 12.30 HC. 9.30 & 11.15 Rev. P. M. Arnold; 6.30 The Vicar.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS: 8 HC (1662 Prayer Book); 9.45 The Vicar; 11.30 Mr Norman Ingram-Smith; 12.30 HC; 3 Chinese Service; 4.15 Choral Evensong; 6.30 Rev. Charles Hedley.

ST PAUL'S, Robert Adam St: 11 Mr Ambrose Mason (HC); 6.30 Rev. George Carey.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Rev. Dr B. Horne, Lecturer in Theology, King's College, London.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL, Savoy Hill: 11.15 The Chaplain; 12.30 HC.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Canon G. R. Dunstan.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Tower of London: 11 The Chaplain; 9.15 HC.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 The Chaplain; 3.30 Evensong.

GUARDS CHAPEL, Wellington Barracks: 11 Ven. Archdeacon G. Grobecker; 12 HC.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 Rev. Felix Boshe.

CROWN COURT (C-o-S), Covent Garden: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev. Donald Macarthur.

ST COLUMBA'S (C-o-S), Pont St: 11 & 6.30 Rev. W. Alexander Cairns.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10.30 (sung), 12, 5.30, 7.

FARM STREET: Masses 7.30, 8.30, 10, 11 (Sung Latin), 12.15, 4.5, 6.15.

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road: Masses 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 (Victoria), 12.30, 4.30, 7.

BLOOMSBURY CENTRAL BAPTIST, Shaftesbury Avenue: 11 & 6.30, Rev. Ernest Whalley.

CITY TEMPLE, Holborn Viaduct: 11 & 6.30, Rev. Robert Courtney.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL: 11 & 6.30, Rev. Dr John Tudor.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road: 11 Rev. Dr Ronald C. Gibbins.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate: 11 & 6.30 Rev. Dr R. T. Kendall.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 11; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

British Museum: Robert Garland, "Looking at Greek sculpture," 11.30; "The Athenian home," 1.15.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Elizabeth Murdoch, "The embroidery and furniture," 12; "Tudor and Stuart dress," 3.

Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens: Exhibitions of sculpture and drawings by Louise Bourgeois and Alice Aycock, 10-7.

TOMORROW'S EVENTS

Queen's Life Guard mounts, Horse Guards, 10; Queen's Guard mounts, Buckingham Palace, 11.30.

Victoria & Albert Museum: Charles Saumarez Smith, "The gardens of Castle Howard," 3.30.

St Anne & St Agnes, Gresham St: Bach Vespers, 7.

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SATURDAY COLUMN

Politics at the full moon

ROBERT CONQUEST on some past and present examples of the dangers of wishful forgetfulness

TODAY one seems to be in the middle of a "Silly Season" come on too early. The French have the splendid word *Sottisier*—roughly translated as anthology of idiocy. Of lunatic phenomena in a variety of fields we can, alas, only make a few available here.

We may note various assertions in the defence argument about what "history teaches." Of course, for many millenia history would have taught us all sorts of things—that men cannot reach the moon, for example. But the present line is roughly that techniques of attack always catch up with advances in defence, with the corollary that no defence against nuclear missiles should be undertaken.

This is rather as if our ancestors should have said of the introduction of shields, armour and so on: "Oh, no point in it: someone's bound to invent muskets eventually." Come to that, no defence was ever found against Greek Fire, which saved the empire on several occasions—and whose technique, moreover, was kept secret from several centuries.

More generally, there have been long periods in which defence has dominated, and if we can enter one of these it might be thought advantageous as against the present condition of having the whole population on 10 minutes notice of being blown to pieces.

We are told, too, as against nuclear defence, that we must not give up "deterrence:" but deterrence is whatever deters, and strong defences are among the measures which do so.

Then, let us have a look at "Arms Race." This is spoken of with the implications that the two blocs are, and have been, plugging along neck and neck, each merely reacting to the other; and, more importantly, that arms races mean war. What the "Race" has, in fact, consisted of is an uninterrupted build-up of Soviet strength, with America occasionally exerting itself to catch up.

Our senior military historian Prof. Michael Howard, has pointed out that wars have started without being preceded by arms races and that there have been arms races which have not led to war. Academician Sakharov goes further when he suggests that in the present instance an "arms race" may be the alternative to war, so that, however, expensive, it is the better option. But in any case, even at the lowest level of argument, only a clear Western determination not to let Russians get ahead gives any prospect at all of preserving peace.

Can we avoid a word about CND and its denial that it is in any way, whatever its motives, serving Soviet aims? The fact that Moscow gives its practical activities virtually full support might recall to some of its clerical members the point that by their fruits ye shall know them. (On the Continent, there have been several cases of Soviet agents being caught giving large sums to officials it *could* be argued that in Britain they have refrained from doing so, rather than have not yet been caught at it; or don't you think so?)

We are on different ground when we come to President Reagan's visit to the Bitburg military cemetery, at the invitation of the German Chancellor, supported by both parties in the Bundestag and over 70 per cent. of the German people. I am not concerned with whether it was handled competently as a public relations matter. And in the present epidemic of public forgetfulness about the past, one must strongly sympathise with Jewish fear that people may forget the Holocaust.

But, as to the facts, it has been pointed out that the SS dead are from the Waffen SS, not the concentration camp element; that the Waffen SS included teenage conscripts; that, nevertheless, the Waffen SS committed some atrocities; that there is no evidence that any of the dead at Bitburg did so; and that the only atrocity specifically attributed to any of the divisions represented (not necessarily the particular soldiers in the cemetery) is the massacre at Oradour, where the victims were all French—so the the only people or Government with at least a *prima facie* case to complain are the French: who have not done so.

But a clearer test of the clear-mindedness of protesters is readily available. Did they object to their leaders going to the precisely parallel graveside of Konstantin Chernenko, who was a member of the precisely equivalent NKVD "troops," and involved in similar massacres in Kazakhstan? One of the present Vice-Premiers of the USSR is Gaider Aliev, who served not in the Waffen-NKVD, but in the State Security/Gestapo side, for 28 years from 1941, on its notorious Azerbaijan branch.

If he chanced to be standing in for his Premier, would a boycott be advocated? Your guess is as good as mine — in fact, it is probably the same as mine.

A rather different silliness is the idea that, while we must defend Western Europe against Soviet aggression, we must discourage America from doing anything about Soviet surrogates in the Caribbean. For this is the strategy for saying that we will hold our line, but let the enemy outflank us. It is supported by all sorts of subsidiary nonsense, such as the idea that Communists who hijack a democratic Government represent democracy; that Marxist-Leninists do not feel in duty bound to export their tyranny; and so on.

But the oddest *sottise* now found is about harming a "legal" Government, even an "elected" — even, I read the other day, a "duly elected" — Government, in Managua. (Hitler was both legal and duly elected, though admittedly Lenin and Stalin were not).

I have just seen a piece in which American volunteers in the Spanish Civil War are described as "loyalists". The propaganda of that time was full of "support for the legal (or the elected) Government". It had fallen wholly into Stalinist hands and its Communist stormtroops had never given tuppence about the legality or otherwise of any Government.

Meanwhile a Sandinista leader, Tomas Borge, has told us: "The class struggle can be seen from the point of view of hate or from the point of view of love. Coercion by the State is an act of love."

And these are only political or military *sottises*! When one thinks of the arts, of education, of sociology . . . But they must wait their turn.

SERVICE DINNERS

Royal Corps of Naval Constructors

Adml Sir Simon Cassels, Chief of Naval Personnel and Second Sea Lord, was a guest at the annual dinner of the Royal Corps of Naval Constructors held last night in the Pump Room, Bath. The Deputy Controller Warships, Mr P. W. Jarvis, Head of the Corps presided.

45th Field Regiment, RA

The annual regimental reunion dinner of 45th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, was held last night at Kirkee Barracks, Colchester. The principal guest was Maj.-Gen. B. P. McGuiness, Honorary Colonel of the Regiment. The Commanding Officer, Lt-Col C. J. B. Copeland, presided.

Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners

Maj-Gen. T. H. F. Foulkes presided at the annual dinner of the Royal Bombay Sappers and Miners Officers' Association held last night at the Naval and Military Club.

Inns of Court and City Yeomanry and 68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron

The Lord Mayor, Sir Alan Traill, was guest of honour at a dinner given by the officers of the Inns of Court and City Yeomanry and 68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron at Stone Buildings, Lincoln's Inn, last night. He was received by Col G. D. Thompson and Major R. P. G. Duxbury, who presided.

Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry

Officers, serving and retired, of the Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry held their annual dinner at the Royal Yeomanry HQ in London last night. Col Robin Leigh-Pemberton, Honorary Colonel, presided.

3rd Commando Brigade

The third anniversary dinner to commemorate the amphibious landings at San Carlos, East Falklands, on May 21, 1982, by the 3rd Commando Brigade, was held last night in the Commando Forces Officers' Mess, Royal Marines Barracks, Stonehouse, Plymouth under the joint presidency of Maj-Gen. J. H. A. Thompson and Cdre M. C. Clapp, R.N.

First Gurkha Rifles

Maj-Gen. D. G. T. Horsford presided at the annual reunion dinner of the First Gurkha Rifles Regimental Association held last night at St Ermin's Hotel.

Gurkha ASC/GTR Association

Lt-Col J. B. Massey, Chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Gurkha Army Service Corps Gurkha Transport Regiment Association held yesterday in the Mons Officers' Mess, Aldershot, and afterwards Brig. R. M. Llewellyn, Colonel of the Regiment, and members of the Association entertained at dinner members of the Regiment serving in the United Kingdom.

University of Exeter OTC

The fifth annual dinner of the University of Exeter Officers' Training Corps was held last night at the Rougemont Hotel, Exeter. The principal guests were the Chief Constable of Devon and Cornwall, Mr D. Elliott, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr D. Harrison, and the Honorary Colonel of the Corps, Maj.-Gen. Sir John Acland. Lt-Col J. N. Alford presided.

RAF Air Traffic Control Specialisation

Air Commodore M. A. Harvey, the Head, and officers of RAF Air Traffic Control Specialisation held a dinner night at RAF Leeming yesterday evening. Group Captain J. W. Lawes presided and the principal guest was Air Vice-Marshal B. Huxley.

SERVICE RECEPTION

RAF School of Catering

The Commanding Officer, Wing Commander R. C. C. Parkinson, and staff of the RAF School of Catering held a reception and sunset ceremony last night to mark the first anniversary of the unit's formation in St Omer Barracks, Aldershot. The principal guests were Air Vice-Marshal R. L. Stuart-Paul, A-O-C Training Units, HQ, RAF Support Command, Brig. M. J. Paterson, Director, Army Catering Corps, and Group Captain D. J. Harrison, Director of Catering (RAF).

SERVICE LUNCHEON

The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

The 16th annual luncheon of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment was held yesterday at the Hurlingham Club. The Colonel of the Regiment, Maj.-Gen. D. Houston, presided. A message of loyal greetings was sent to the Queen, who is Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment.

DINNERS

Anglo-Austrian Society

The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, Sir Geoffrey Howe, Q.C., M.P., and Bundesminister Leopold Gratz, Austrian Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs, were guests of honour and speakers at a dinner given last night at the House of Commons by the Anglo-Austrian Society. Lord Caccia, President of the Society, who was accompanied by Lady Caccia, presided. The Chairman of the Society William Clark, M.P., who attended with Lady Clark, also spoke. The Austrian Ambassador and Mme Thomas and the British Ambassador in Vienna, and Mrs Alexander were present.

London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association

The Lord Chancellor, Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, was principal guest and speaker at the 38th annual dinner of the London Criminal Courts Solicitors' Association held last night at the Savoy. The President, Mr Timothy Lawrence, was in the chair and the other speakers were Mr J. J. Bayes and Mr D. A. Hopkin. Other guests were:

Sir Frederick Lawton, Sir Christopher French, Sir Thomas Hetherington, Q.C., Sir Derek Oulton, Q.C., Judge Pigot, Q.C., Judge Pownall, Q.C., Mr J. L. Herrirage, Mr J. L. Bowron, Mr D. Gandy, Mr T. S. Legg and Mr I. Fowler.

University of Reading

Prof. Trevor Evans, Head of the Department of Physics, University of Reading, was host at a dinner given last night to mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the J. J. Thomson Physical Laboratory on May 17, 1960. Guests were:

Lord Sherfield, Sir Nevill Mott, Sir Harry Pitt, Dr E. S. Page, Emeritus Professors R. W. Ditchburn and G. W. Series, and Prof. E. W. J. Mitchell.

LECTURE

Royal College of Radiologists

The Royal College of Radiologists' 29th Crookshank Lecture, entitled "Change, Challenge and Responsibility in Medicine," was delivered yesterday by Sir John Walton, Warden of Green College, University of Oxford. The President of the Royal College, Mr W. M. Ross, was host at a dinner given later at 38 Portland Place, W.1.

INNER TEMPLE

Mr J. R. Bickford Smith, Senior Master of the Supreme Court and Queen's Remembrancer, has been elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple.

FINNINGLY PASSING OUT

Air Commodore J. Hardstaff, Deputy Commandant, RAF Staff College, Bracknell, was the reviewing officer at a graduation ceremony at No 6 FTS yesterday when he will award pilot and navigator flying badges to the following graduating aircrew.

No 34 Advanced Flying Training Course: Flt Lt P. J. Boundy, Flt Lt G. W. H. Parry, Plt Off B. Clover, Plt Off JP. A. Docker, Plt Off J. R. Duffin, Plt Off C. P. Hodgson, Plt Off W. J. McBarnet.

No 311 Air Navigation Course: Flt Lt A. W. M. Skinner, Flt Lt A. M. Wright, Fg Off S. M. Moroz, Fg Off V. A. Stevens, Plt Off G. L. Baxter, Plt Off J. J. Byard, Plt Off K. A. J. Edwards, Plt Off L. Fisher.

No 312 Air Navigation School: Flt Lt C. S. Blount, Flt Lt K. Harris, Flt Lt K. A. Smith, Plt Off J. P. Dunne, Plt Off N. A. Speakman.

The following trophies were awarded: No 6 FTS Groundschool Trophy, Flt Lt P. J. Boundy; the Canham Trophy, Plt Off J. J. Byard, the Sutton Sword, Flt Lt C. S. Blount: the Canham Trophy, Plt Off J. P. Dunne.

WINE DRIVE

Californian wine producers are to try to restore their position in the British market now that the dollar has declined against Sterling again. Sales dipped by 15 per cent. in 1984, when the dollar strengthened.

£1,671,732 FOR A FLAWLESS DIAMOND

By Our Arts Correspondent

A 55·91 carat pear-shaped diamond classed as "internally flawless" fetched £1,671,732 in a Christie's jewellery auction in Geneva on Thursday.

The light blue diamond was the last lot in a three-session sale which made a total of £7,142,799. It was bought by Graff, the London dealer.

Chagall gouache

A gouache work from Marc Chagall's Vollard Circus series of 1926-27 made £110,000 in Christie's sale of Impressionist and modern drawings and watercolours in New York on Thursday.

Another Chagall piece, a gouache and coloured chalk study of 1958 went for £77,344, while a Degas pastel, drawn about 1894, made £68,750.

Jerusalem sale

In the first sale in Jerusalem organised by Sotheby's new Tel Aviv-based office in Israel, two rare Burial Society (Chevra Kadisha) paintings from Rome or Livorno, Italy, and dating from 1801 and 1815 made £15,151 and £19,696 respectively.

5-STAR LINK TO CHANNEL ISLANDS

By Our Shipping Correspondent

The chilled champagne stands ready and the croupier is at his roulette-wheel as Sealink injects an unprecedented touch of class into crossing the Channel by car ferry. Fresh flowers bedeck the two ships upgraded for the new Starliner service from Portsmouth to the Channel Islands.

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MARCUS, Gladys Magnolia, Kensington, London 252,093
OYRES, H. R., Hove, East Sussex 350,885
RHODES, J. E., Bingley, West Yorks 299,266
CRAGG, A., Birmingham 264,181
TURNER, R. W., North Ferriby, North Humberside 667,901

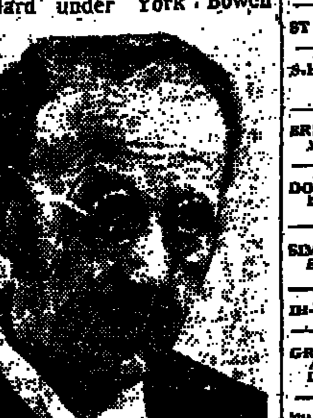
Obituary

HUGH BURDEN

HUGH Burden, who has died aged 72, was one of the best known voices in radio drama and a leading supporting player in innumerable television roles.

He won a quiet renown for his Radio Four readings, notably of the novels of Evelyn Waugh.

Born in Colombo, Ceylon, he was educated at Beaumont and studied the piano to LRAM standard under York Bowen



Hugh Burden in the role of Edgar Wallace's detective, J. G. Reeder.

before training for the stage. He was a gold medallist at the Central School of Dramatic Art.

He made his stage debut in 1933. During a long stage career he appeared in such diverse plays as "Quiet Week-End," "While The Sun Shines" and "Waiting For Godot."

His broadcasting roles were equally far-ranging. His first radio broadcast was in 1936 and he played in everything from farce to Kafka. He was also a playwright whose six plays included one written with his mother, "Myself A Stranger."

His films included "One of Our Aircraft Is Missing" (1941), "The Way Ahead", "Fame Is The Spur" and "The House In Nightmare Park".

On television he will be remembered as the meek J. G. Reeder in the Edgar Wallace detective series. One of his last appearances was in "Dr Fischer of Geneva," but from 1938 onwards he appeared in countless roles.

SQUADRON LEADER DENIS BRIGGS

Squadron Leader Denis Briggs, who has died aged 68, was the RAF Catalina pilot who sighted the German battleship Bismarck in May 1941, the turning point in the avenging hunt which had spread over the North Atlantic.

Almost exactly 24 hours after the sighting the Bismarck was sunk in a famous naval action.

Two days earlier, on May 24, the Bismarck had sunk the battleship Hood, the pride of the British Navy, between Greenland and Iceland, with a shell which blew up her magazine. The Navy closed in to pursue the Bismarck but lost contact at 3 a.m. on May 25.

For 31 anxious hours there was no report of the Bismarck's whereabouts. Then Sqn Ldr Briggs of No. 209 Squadron from Stranraer, sighted her only 690 miles west of Brest, her home port. His flying boat came under heavy and accurate fire from the Bismarck, but he managed to make his report and the hunt was resumed.

He was awarded the DFC and two years later gained a Bar when his Catalina of No. 202 Squadron, based at Gibraltar, shot down a Junkers 88 fighter-bomber—a remarkable feat for a flying boat.

After the war he joined BOAC as a pilot and retired as senior captain in 1972. He then flew for a spell with Gulf Aviation, retiring as a pilot in 1976. He was a liveryman of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators.

POLLUTION CURBS

By Our Shipping Correspondent

New rules to reduce ocean pollution by chemicals have been drawn up at a London meeting of the International Maritime Organisation, a United Nations agency. They are expected to come into force in April, 1987.

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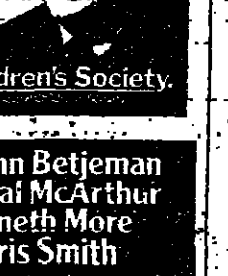

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Television producer Jackie Ashley, gleaning "good television" from the filmed record of debate in the Lords. Picture: Anthony Marshall.

BY CAROL THATCHER

TURNING hours of debate in the House of Lords into "good television" has been the responsibility of Jackie Ashley, producer of Channel Four's "Their Lordships' House" programme which has been broadcast four nights a week for the past month as part of the experimental televising of the Upper Chamber.

She and her colleagues have to decide which parts of some eight hours' of recorded proceedings are packaged into a 14-minute programme.

"We don't use large chunks of boring debates, we try to make it understandable, explain the Parliamentary tactics which are being used," she said. "We explain the differences between Question Time in the two Houses and how the whipping procedures vary. We try to get one meaty item, one reaction and some funnies if there are any.

"We usually start to put the programme together about 9.45 pm but often have to drop what we've edited if something sparky comes up later, such as the day Lord Shinwell made a marvellous speech."

Jackie, the daughter of Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent, Jack Ashley, begins her working day at 11.30 am in the cramped, portable offices in Black Rod's Garden.

She starts by going over the day's business in an editorial conference with ITN's political editor Glyn Mathias and journalists, John Clare and Chris Rybczinski.

"Question Time looks quite good with questions on British Telecom, British Aerospace and lead free petrol. They don't expect any defeats on today's amendments . . ." they observe.

Defeats, close votes, good speeches and sparkling repartee are what they are searching for as they log proceedings from Question Time at 2.30 pm until well into the evening.

There are three manned cameras in the chamber and a floor manager in a tiny box in the public gallery. Pictures are fed to the scanner outside and recorded in another portable office.

The journalists' biggest problem has been identifying the peers, who have a much lower profile and are less recognisable than their elected counterparts in the House of Commons.

Question Time posed a particular problem, with questioners leaping to their feet like Jack-in-the-boxes. The journalists sought assistance from the doormen who were able to put names to the faces of the 300 or so peers and peeresses out of 1,000 who regularly attend the Lords.

But there are some things the cameras are not allowed to show: prayers in the morning, and Their Lordships asleep.

"It was a problem the other day because a Minister was answering a question while his colleague alongside was sound asleep—or at least listening with his eyes shut," Jackie said diplomatically.

Televised proceedings have emphasised the considerable contribution made by women in the House of Lords. The Baronesse. Trumpington, Seear and Burke have been particularly vocal in recent weeks.

The four-times-a-week broadcast, which has attracted only a small audience, will end next Thursday and be followed by a weekly programme of highlights until the recess and the conclusion of the experiment.

The consensus among the television team was that their noble Lords had acclimatised well to the televising of their proceedings after some initial objections that the lights were too bright. They were turned down, and now Jackie says a more usual complaint is "Why didn't you use my speech?"

Chris Rybczinski has noticed the Peers' tendency to perform: "People start to look deliberately to the camera. They've learnt to accept it and they've sussed out the red light on the camera."

DEBATING IF IT WILL BE EVER ON A SUNDAY

By Paula Davies

THE vexed question of Sunday trading, which has been bubbling for years, is likely to come to a simmer on, followed by the boil, later on this year.

On Monday the House of Commons will debate the Auld Committee's report which was published last November. Since the three-line whip is out, a Government majority is almost inevitable and should lead to a Bill in the autumn. The Auld Committee recommended the scrapping of the antiquated, to say odd, laws in the Shops Acts which are a mish-mash and riddled with anomalies.

The legislation dates back to 1577 but it is the Shops Act of 1950 which set out the purpose for which shops may open on a Sunday. This resulted in anomalies which would be funny if they were not so daft and which have brought the law into disrepute.

You can buy alcohol for example but not dried milk for babies; aspirin but not toothpaste or soap. Newsagents can sell sweets and newspapers but not the Bible or stationery. Grocers can sell fresh or frozen fruit, but not fruit which is tinned or bottled. Garden centres can sell flowers, but not flowering plants. Fish and chips cannot be sold but other take-away foods are exempt because they were not available when Schedule 5 of the Shops Act came into force in 1950.

The strangest anomaly of all, perhaps, is that holiday resorts can have Sunday opening because shops there are exempt from the controls.

Most people on whichever side of the fence they sit can see the need for reform. But there are considerable doubts as to how far it should go.

Apart from the objections of the big guns like the churches and the shopworkers' union, the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, who argue that Sunday trading will cause unemployment, put up costs and ruin the traditional Christian day of rest, many ordinary residents in shopping districts are fearful that their Sunday peace will be disturbed.

John Roberts, general secretary of the Lord's Day Observance Society, agrees with their views and says that disturbance of people living near town centres will be disastrous. To his organisation, however, it is the spiritual aspect which is paramount.

"God set aside one day for rest and worship," he said. He is also concerned for the mothers whom, he says, make up the vast majority of shop workers. "If they have to work every day then the family will not be a unit on even one day in the week. And there is no protection for anyone who has a conscientious objection to Sunday working."

Equally concerned for worker mothers is USDAW. According to Bill Whaley, the general secretary, the family life of shop staff will be ruined if they are forced to work most Sundays. "Retail costs will rise as well," he said, "since only the same amount of business will be done over seven days as is now done over six. And if the Government abolishes Wages Councils employers will not have to pay double time for Sunday work."

In fact the Auld Committee recommends the retention of Wages Councils for retail workers although this was not strictly within its terms of reference.

"We have pressed for the abolition of Wages Councils," said Nigel Whittaker, executive director of Woolworth Holdings and a member of the informal pressure group for Sunday trading, Open Shop. "But," he added, "we would be prepared to settle for substantial reform of the councils at this stage in view of the uncertainties people feel could arise as a result of the abolition of the Shops Act."

The idea that six days' trading would be extended over seven, thus raising retail costs, doesn't cut much ice with Mr Whittaker. "Where the law has been abolished there have been increases in trade, notably in Massachusetts and in Sweden. Staff will not necessarily have to work longer hours either," he added, although he sees the existing shift to part-time work increasing considerably.

He sees nothing but benefit for the working housewife. "She will have her shopping time increased by about 50 per cent." Except perhaps for the shop-working housewife?

Even so, most people seem to want an extension of shopping hours, as much because it has become a leisure activity as anything else. Surveys commissioned by the National Consumer Council since 1978 have shown consistently that at least two-thirds of those surveyed wanted greater flexibility of shopping hours in the week and freedom to shop on Sundays.

Sir Terence Conran of Habitat, another member of Open Shop, was very pleased that the government accepted the recommendations of the Auld Report. "Habitat," he said, "looks forward to being able to open more of its shops on Sundays and at other times. Our overall opening hours will not necessarily be greatly extended. In some places we may open later in the morning and stay open later in the evening. We may even close on Mondays as we do in Scotland. Our aim will be to open at times which suit our customers."

Next on the list for deregulation will be the licensing laws, the relaxation of which was recommended by the Erroll Committee back in 1972. And more people, if a London local radio poll is anything to go by, are anxious to see these laws changed. When asked whether all restrictions on retail trading should be lifted, 54 per cent. were in favour and 46 per cent. against. Seventy eight per cent of those polled said that licensing laws should be relaxed while only 22 per cent said "no."

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ROSEMARY, WINNING BOUQUETS IN THE WORLD OF WINE

Above: wine buff Rosemary George, determined to stick to her chosen subject. "The wonderful thing about it is that there is always something new to learn. It is the most enjoyable occupation."

Picture: MICHAEL WEBB

TO DESCRIBE her as an "agony aunt" of the wine trade is too deprecating. Rosemary George may write advice columns for wine buffs but she has just won three awards for her first book, "The Wines of Chablis" (Sotheby Publications. £14.95).

The André Simon Memorial Fund chose her book out of 14 books entered for the competition and presented her with a cheque for £1,000 on Thursday. WHAT WINE? magazine, which has only been in operation for about a year, chose Rosemary's book as a specific category winner in their first award and the 1984 Glenfiddich Award also went to her.

Rosemary never envisaged becoming an author of any sort, let alone a successful one. Working at the sharp end of the wine trade, as a buyer, she became a Master of Wine in 1979. She only became an author by accident. But then, as she explained, she only went into the wine trade itself by accident.

"What do you do with a history degree if you don't want to teach?" asked this bubbly 34-year-old whose interest in wine was stimulated by her university's wine society. "Obviously I learnt to type and my first job was a secretarial one at the Wine Society in 1972.

"I never expected to get the job as I had no experience but it was offered along with a glass of champagne. I've always said that it was that glass that got me into the wine trade."

Now well and truly hooked, she spent the next few years graduating from the secretarial position via jobs in Bordeaux and other English wine firms. The idea for the book presented itself while she was still working full-time as a buyer.

"A sales director tried to sell me some Chablis. He failed but invited me to Chablis anyway." She eventually took up the invitation but it was finding herself out of work that concentrated her mind more than anything. "In retrospect I suppose that unemployment was a kick in the right direction."

She has been a freelance writer now since mid-1981 and revels in it. "I hate office routine and office politics and enjoy the flexibility of being a freelance." But it wasn't all that easy and she had some parental help with the mortgage on her flat. Keeping herself by researching and writing articles (that's where her "agony columns" came in useful) Rosemary cycled round Chablis to do her own research.

The book itself seems a trifle esoteric but she had the wit to choose a wine area that had not been written about since 1935.

Well reviewed when it came out last year, and about to be reprinted, "The Wines of Chablis" has led not only to the awards but to further commissions.

So what is she going to do with the prize money? "I'm toying with the idea of buying a word processor but I think I might put it towards the travelling which will be necessary for the new books."

Although she can now be described as a successful author, Rosemary doesn't seem to see it that way. "Books are a challenge in themselves but I don't think long-term. Unexpected things turn up and one doesn't know what will happen in a few years time."

The one thing she is determined on is to stay with wine. "The wonderful thing about it is that there is always something new to learn. Every year things change and develop. It is the most enjoyable occupation," she added.

P.D.

If you fancy just floating away from it all

BY IAN BRADLEY

HAVE you always longed to experience the sensation of floating, apparently weightless, in very salt water but never fancied making the journey to the Dead Sea?

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Droitwich lies on top of a vast underground brine lake. Salt was first extracted from it by the Romans and was commercially produced in the town until the Thirties.

In 1832 a worker at the salt factory was cured of cholera after jumping into one of the vats of hot brine. This incident led to the construction of baths for the treatment of patients suffering from a number of common 19th-century diseases.

The development of the town as one of the leading Victorian spas owed much to John Corbett, owner of the salt works, who laid out an elegant park and built grand hotels around the brine baths. For himself Corbett built Chatean Impney, an enormous and elaborate mansion in the French Renaissance style on the edge of the town which further enhanced the atmosphere of a continental spa.

The brine baths, containing $2\frac{1}{2}$lbs of salt per gallon and 10 times saltier than normal sea water, were used for more than 130 years for the treatment of rheumatism and skin complaints. But 10 years ago they were closed down by the local council. The building in which they were housed had become badly corroded by the action of the salt; attendance was dropping off, and NHS treatments were no longer being carried out at the baths since the town's specialist hospital for rheumatic diseases had built its own hydrotherapy pool which used ordinary tap water.

With the demolition of the old bath house, it looked as though brine bathing at Droitwich had ended for ever. However, a few years ago the site of the old baths was acquired by GM Health Care, a division of Grand Metropolitan Hotels. A private hospital, incorporating a new brine bath, received its first patients in April and the bath itself will be open for daily public use on July 1.

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The plan is to use the pool for hydrotherapy in the morning and open it for public swimming on a booking-only basis in the afternoon and early evenings. A session will cost about £9 and will include a video presentation on the history and safety aspects of the brine baths, a half-hour bathe, shower and refreshments.

Perhaps the re-opening of the brine baths at Droitwich, together with the impending restoration of spa facilities at Bath, may even lead to a modest revival of the practice of taking spa cures in Britain. Certainly local hoteliers seem to be anticipating the arrival of a new and rich clientèle.

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Travel

ALL the Swiss and Italian lakes have their individual charms, but on the right days—and they occur more often than the gloom merchants vis-à-vis Switzerland will allow—Lucerne can equal them all, not least caught at the very beginning of the season, around Easter, when I visited the district.

The tourists are still outnumbered by the local inhabitants, the weather (as we discovered) can be as warm as June (also as cold as January), so that the particular delight of mountains, water, houses and humans in ideal rapport with one another can be felt at its most potent.

Lucerne itself, at the head of its lake, with its medieval streets, famous wooden bridge, baroque churches and old inns, all in the Old Town, is at once an ancient and modern city. As with so many central European towns, and in marked contrast to London, pedestrian precincts abound. Also like most European cities, it boasts a festival. This year is Lucerne's 47th. Essentially conservative in its planning, this summer's event (August 17 to September 11) does promise the Ensemble Intercontemporain from Paris, but the appearance of international orchestras under well-known conductors is the thing.

● Left: the wooden Chapel Bridge, a famous landmark in the old town of Lucerne. Picture: PETER BAKER

● Below: the Rathaus, or town hall, in Hanover at night. The war-damaged centre of the town has been extensively restored. Picture: ANTHONY KERSTING.

Enjoying life by the lakeside, where ancient and modern meet

BY ALAN BLYTH

In or out of festival time, I would suggest staying outside Lucerne which, for all its attractions, can be noisy. Having investigated most of the lakeside resorts, we opted for Weggis, set back from the main road and most intimately in contact with the lake itself. It boasts hotels for every taste and pocket.

We chose the Beau-Rivage, centrally situated, with its own access to the lake and, it would seem, a nonpareil of an hotel. Friendly, personal attention is perhaps a cliché of the brochures, but that is undoubtedly what Mr and Mrs Geering, old-style Swiss proprietors, provide, with immaculately high standards of food and its preparation, from the lavishly laid-out serve-yourself breakfast to the five-course dinners for demi-pension guests. Easter Sunday provided a surprise: an even more sumptuous Gala Dinner, also inclusive. The rooms are tastefully furnished, the service faultless. If you have a terrace, your view of lake and mountains is uninterrupted. There is a heated, outdoor swimming-pool.

Vitznau, a few miles along the lake, is another pleasing place to stay, with the Hotel Kreuz looking the most attractive proposition. From Vitznau, you can take the railway up to the Rigi; from the top the panorama, on a fine day, is breathtaking, with a view over the entire Swiss Alps, the formidable Eiger showing its kinder face. The cost to the top and back is £10, not cheap but worthwhile, particularly as you can break your journey at the Rigi Kaltbad on the way down for a meal.

Further afield, for a morning or afternoon trip, there are Engelberg and the monastery of Einsiedeln. I remember Engelberg as a cosy village, but nowadays it has become a larger ski centre, and lost much of its character. Here, a cable car takes skiers and non-skiers alike up to the top of the Titlis for more startling views.

Those less enterprising can content themselves with boat trips around the lakes, lazing on the Weggis Lido, fishing, or simply walking by the lake or in the hills above the village.

Musicians such as myself will consider a visit to Tribschen, now virtually a suburb of Lucerne, as essential. There, the handsome house overlooking the lake, where Wagner lived with the Wesendoncks and fell in love with Mathilde, is now a museum devoted to Wagner memorabilia, including scores, letters and portraits. It remains a fascinating pilgrimage for all dedicated Wagnerians.

Swiss Travel Service organise 8, 11, 12 or 15-day tours to Weggis at the Beau-Rivage from £273, with departures from Heathrow or Gatwick, and to Vitznau at the Hotel Kreuz from £216, both half-board.

Garden music, for a maestro

THIS year is the tercentenary of the birth of Georg Friedrich Handel. Born in 1685 in Halle, now in East Germany, he went in 1708 to Hanover, where he found favour with the Court, became the conductor of an 18-piece orchestra and stayed until 1712, when he moved to England.

Two years later George, Elector of Hanover, was offered the crown of Great Britain and Ireland and followed Handel to England to become George I.

But Hanover's connection with Britain dates back further still. James I's daughter, Elizabeth, the "Winter Queen," married Frederick of Bohemia and their daughter, Sophie, married a future Elector of Hanover. In 1701 the Act of Settlement appointed the now-widowed Sophie and her successors to the British throne and it was her son who became our George I.

George I's forebears created the royal gardens of Herrenhausen, still among the finest examples of baroque gardens in Europe, with a sylvan theatre, built in 1689, that is still in use; in summer, plays are performed there.

The public has always been admitted to the gardens, but a stone tablet near the entrance does give some rules for visitors. Among them, freely translated, are the following: "not to damage the statues; not to throwe aught at the swannes, not to take houndes in the gardens and not entrape or disturbe the nightingales."

The Electors also built a summer palace in the gardens, and later the adjoining Galerie, or Ballroom. The palace was destroyed in the last war, but the Galerie, with its series of frescoes painted by Tomaso Guisti of Venice, survived, and two rooms on the first floor of the building have just been restored.

For nine days at the end of June and early July a lavish festival is to be enacted in the gardens to celebrate Handel's association with Hanover. A stage is being erected on the site of the former palace and ballet and opera will be performed here and in the sylvan theatre.

Music and ballet will be enacted in the rose garden, the rococo garden, the island garden and the Renaissance garden. Performances will start at 7 p.m. and finish at 11.30 p.m. and entrance tickets will be about £11.

The centre of Hanover was extensively damaged in the war, but has been well restored. In the Market Place area, a street of half-timbered houses which was destroyed has been replaced by façades of medieval half-timbered houses brought from various other parts of the city.

On my recent visit I stayed at the new Maritim Hotel, where a single room costs from about £35, including a lavish buffet breakfast.

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BY DANIEL FARSON

THERE are three good reasons for going to Datca: the Sandal restaurant, which is run by a young Turk who is a culinary genius; the ruins of Cnidus at the far point where the Aegean meets the Mediterranean; and the nature of the Datca peninsula, which remains unspoilt largely because it is on the way to nowhere.

Lying parallel to the northern mainland which runs towards the busy little town of Bodrum, the peninsula reaches out like a lobster claw as if it is trying to seize the Greek island of Symi between its lower pincers. This southern part is hard to explore because the road is rough and at times abandons hope completely.

If you persevere you are rewarded by a region which resembles Turkey as it used to be before the surrounding coastline became so popular. Leaving Marmaris, you drive easily along a main road surrounded by pine forests until you take the turning south half-an-hour later and enter a fiercer terrain where the hillsides are an avalanche of stones with an occasional patch of earth.

There was one village where the road ran out and I had to walk down the hill past women bent double even if they were not carrying stacks of firewood on their backs, going barefoot, their faces drained of vitality, but at the water's edge the men were playing dominoes and cards in a café which sold no food but offered me a beer.

They may be poor but the people are strikingly handsome, especially the young women who still stand upright and the men with their dark, lustrous hair.

This was a place where time had stopped. There was little communication with the outside world; the post might be collected the next time someone went to Bozborun, a few miles farther on. Otherwise, everything was brought by boat.

Bozborun is the main village on this southern claw, famous for its boat-building, which makes it sound picturesque, but it proved a harsh little place with a quayside strewn with concrete mixers and a crane dropping boulders in the sea to form a harbour.

Datca (pronounced dutcher) is different altogether. On the map it looks twice as far as Bozborun but takes half the time from Marmaris, a sensational journey lasting 90 minutes by bus and not a moment too long. Datca is an attractive port sprawled around a bay which has yet to be marred by massive building. The modern Dorya Hotel on the point (about £15 for a double with bath) blends in admirably. There are a number of pensions which need to be inspected before you commit yourself, and several restaurants besides the outstanding Sandal.

I enjoyed another unforgettable meal on the earth below Cnidus (pronounced kneedoss) with two kinds of yogurt and three of cheese, shared by a group of workmen who had driven especially to see the ruins, a bumpy hour's journey from Datca. In summer it would be better to take one of the boats from Datca and devote the day to the excursion.

There are two simple restaurants, closed when I was there, a small military outpost, and that was all, apart from the remnants of the ancient port which housed 70,000 people.

They built two harbours, one for military purposes which is silted up, and the other for commercial use. To moor there on a summer's night would be romantic, though I am told the archaeologists discourage it. They have unearthed terraces, a theatre, and the circular foundations of the temple to Aphrodite which contained the notorious, naked statue of the Greek Goddess of Love, sculpted by Praxitiles around 360 B C, with entrances surrounding the figure so that it could be seen from behind, apparently a most desirable view.

The statue had been rejected by the islanders on nearby Cos because it was too sensual, but the Cnidians had no such modesty and Aphrodite became a tourist attraction of the time, attracting visitors who sailed especially to Cnidus to see it. One admirer concealed himself in the temple at night, embracing the statue so passionately that a dark stain on the inner thigh remained on the marble forever.

No one knows what happened to the statue and no such landmarks can be seen at Cnidus today, for it was ransacked by Sir Charles Newton in 1857. If you are going there or have just returned, I urge you to brave the British Museum to see the magnificent lion which guarded the entrance, along with another which tumbled into the sea when Newton transferred it to his ship. Enjoy Cnidus simply for what it offers you now, the outline of a great city in a spectacular setting.

From Dalaman airport it takes three hours to drive to Datca via Marmaris. A direct bus service from Izmir to Datca takes six hours. The Fuda Motel, by the sea, charges £10 per person, full board. There are also two holiday villages, and excellent camping sites near perfect beaches along the peninsula. Though these are usually mainly used by Turks, you will be welcomed too.

With Falcon, the return flight to Dalaman is from £168 and a two-week unlimited - mileage Lanes fly/drive package to Izmir is from £376 per person for two.

Small World combine a week's caique cruise around the Datca peninsula with a week in a villa ashore, from about £350.

● Left: looking across the bay to the sprawling port of Datca, as yet unspoilt by massive building. Picture: DANIEL FARSON.

● Below: one of the two lions which guarded the entrance to the temple at Cnidus. This one can now be seen at the British Museum in London.

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ANYONE dipping their toes into Turkey for the first time this summer—and by all accounts a great many people will be doing just that—would do well to provide themselves with Gerry Crawshaw's "Turkey the Beautiful" (W. H. Allen, £7·95).

It will not satisfy ravenous culture-vultures, but it is right up-to-date on all sorts of useful, practical information and gives you thumbnail sketches of the important cities and sights. Its most glaring lack is an index, which is a great pity.

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BOOK REVIEWS

THREE new books on Greece have made their debut this spring, the most comprehensive of them being Michael Haag's and Neville Lewis's greatly enlarged and updated "Guide to Greece" (Travelaid, £6·95).

Its strength lies in its admirable organisation and clear layout: practical information is put in separate sections at the end of each chapter instead of being allowed to clutter the body of the text, and is very full and all-embracing.

Historical information, while not attempting to rival in scope the late Stuart Rossiter's admirable Blue Guide, is well-sifted to give an intelligent overall view. Maps are just about adequate, as is the index.

Its weakness is an occasional tendency to go slightly over the top with passages of over-reverential rapture; this, as I know only too well, is an easy trap for Grecophiles to fall into, but it does need to be ruthlessly curbed. On balance, though, as an introductory vade-mecum for the traveller determined to take Greece seriously, it does a good job.

Trevor Webster's "Where to Go in Greece" (Settle & Bendall, £9·99 hardback, £3·99 paperback) is aimed at a less dedicated market, but by no means an undiscerning one.

Mr Webster's ambition during his years of travel in Greece has been to visit every single inhabited island, and he must by now be pretty near, if not on, the top score. He is thus very reliable indeed on islands—though with the best will in the world, no one can always keep up to date with the changes that can take place from season to season—and also on beaches.

Not everyone would agree with his "Webster ratings" of islands, beaches, sights, and so on, but it is a novel, if idiosyncratic, approach.

On practical matters his observations are acute and his comments very much to the point, often even trenchant (as on the ubiquity of litter)—a trait other writers would do well to emulate.

His historical information is sketchy; maps likewise, and there is no index. But notwithstanding a few silly misprints, this is a well-produced and useful little book.

It is, in fact, a far better guide, as such, than the Webb & Bower Dumont Guide "Greek Islands," edited by Evi Melas and translated by Russell Stockman (Webb & Bower, £9·95).

This is an odd book, written by over 20 authors, originally in German, strong on historical, legendary and folkloric background but very light indeed on practical facts, which are lumped into a table at the back.

It is a bit light even on the sort of facts you might expect to find in it: I hoped I might at last learn something about the very fine ikon in the church on Astypalaia which the local priest assured me was 17th-century but about which I have never managed to find any documentation. But no, not a word.

Still, the pictures are lovely—both colour photographs and reproductions of old prints and drawings—and the text is quite readable. Nice for Mr Webster's island-hoppers to browse through on his recommended beaches, perhaps.

Elisabeth de Stroumillo

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MR ROY HATTERSLEY has unveiled his new bucket-shop, and we must all admire his skill. Let no one say of this politician at least that he could not have made as much money in any other occupation. The idea is simple. An incoming Labour Government will oblige pension funds to repatriate their overseas investments, and hand them over, together with part of their new cash flow, into a nationalised National Investment Bank (NIB). This would give subsidised loans to projects considered worthy, taking into account "social return"—which means anything you wish it to — as well as commercial return. This, he argues, would overcome the "timidity" of entrepreneurs, which means that they are reluctant to borrow money for investment unless they can see their way clear to servicing the loan. A fund which uses "sympathetic consideration" as a synonym for laxity would no doubt find takers, a whole breed of De Loreans in fact.

Mr HATTERSLEY does not make clear what proportion of this induced recklessness is to be carried by private sector occupational pensioners and what proportion by taxpayers. He no doubt banks on having sufficient organised labour forces and hardpressed businessmen willing to jump on to a gravy train to buy short-term popularity for the idea. "Invest now, pay later" was not invented by Socialists, with their National Enterprise Board, or its previous incarnation, the Industrial Reconstruction Corporation. Governments have mulcted the thrifty and productive to foster the feckless and inefficient throughout history.

Worse still, Mr HATTERSLEY's bucket-shop plan is already being put into practice by Left-wing local councils. Deficiencies in local authority pension funds are automatically made up from the rates. So if a fund treasurer invests the money in "workers' co-operatives," local enterprise boards and other bottomless pits, the hapless ratepayer actually foots the bill. This Government would be well advised to staunch this dangerously growing leak as well as exposing plans for new post-electoral chicanery.

RUSSIA'S DRINK PROBLEM

ANYONE IN OR OUT of the Soviet Union who seriously thinks that the Kremlin's announced package of measures to combat the high rate of alcoholism among the comrades is going to have much success does not know his Russia. It is worth recalling the words of St VLADIMIR, 965-1015, and generally considered to be the first Russian Christian: "It is Russia's joy to drink. We cannot do without it." So it would seem. Britons travelling to Russia in the 16th century frequently commented on the problem, and one, GEORGE TURBERVILLE, versified: "Folke fit to be of Bacchus train, so quaffing is their kinde, drinke is their sole desire, the pot is all their pride." The Tsars positively encouraged drinking and had a tavern in every town. LENIN and the Bolsheviks were too busy creating their new order to bother stopping the rot and STALIN saw vodka sales as a way of balancing the budget. KHRUSHCHEV, who liked a drop himself, appreciated that the sight of drunks littering the streets of Moscow and other big towns frequented by Westerners was not nice for the Soviet Union's image. Hence the opening of so-called sobering-up stations, places of Dickensian awfulness which seem to have done no good at all.

And now the Kremlin's new broom, Mr MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, has proposed a cut in the output of the "green snake," (vodka), stiff penalties for drinking in the streets (and in a country without a decent pub), and (yet another) crackdown on samogon, a lethal homemade moonshine. He is up against it. It may be unfair to blame the system for Russians drinking to get stinking drunk, and to obliterate themselves. It has to be faced that the USSR can be a very dreary, and very cold, place and vodka offers some kind of escape. But as in the wicked capitalist world alcohol has terrible effects on family life, and is largely responsible for the low productivity in Soviet factories, the crime rate, industrial accidents, and worse. Russia's new leader is unlikely to go down in history as GORBACHEV the Prohibitionist.

Coming up

By the Very Rev. MICHAEL STANCLIFFE

Dean of Winchester

THIS week Christians have come to the climax of their annual celebration of that stupendous process which, beginning at Easter with Christ's rising up out of the tomb, culminated in his ascension into heaven — a process symbolised, in the spring of the year, by the rising and climbing up out of the earth and into the sunshine of dormant plants and buried seeds (cf. John 12.24).

Especially significant for animals and men is the coming up of one particular family of plants so widespread, so lowly, so unspectacular in their flowering, that we rarely stop to appreciate their importance—the grasses. But 6,000 years ago human beings began deliberately to cultivate certain of those grasses, having discovered that their seeds, ground and baked, made a superb food—bread.

Some of that seed they carefully kept for sowing the following year when, given the right conditions and care (and, they thought, the right prayers and sacrifices), each single grain would produce 30, 60 or even 100 others (Mark 4.8), and so provide them with their staple food until the following spring when once again they would hope to see repeated the same miraculous process: "the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear" (Mark 4.28).

So amazing was this annual resurrection and ascension, and the harvest to which it led, that it is understandable that many of our ancestors felt that the earth herself must be divine, a mother-goddess (the Romans called her Ceres, hence our cereals).

But, although the children of Israel were often tempted to think along the same lines, they remained fundamentally and finally loyal to their belief that there is only one God, and that it is He alone "who bringeth forth grass for the cattle and green herb for the service of men: that he may bring food out of the earth . . . and bread to strengthen man's heart" (Psalm 104, 14, 15).

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A CHRISTIAN at the eucharist, holding in his hands a small piece of consecrated bread, should sometimes reflect that, in addition to everything else it is and represents, it is the gift of God, the product of His mysterious and marvellous process carelessly called "natural growth."

Church services tomorrow—P13

COMMENTARY

Ferdinand Mount

EVEN ON the first sunny afternoon in May, the country around Tillingham Hall is rather ordinary: unfenced, not a cow to be seen, green cornfields, willows, ditches, an occasional bright yellow rectangle of oilseed rape. At intervals, small dark-brick farmhouses—"halls" as they dignify them in East Anglia—break the flat landscape.

To the north, you could point out—and the consortium of builders which wants to build a small new town here (about 12,000 people) jolly well do point out—an overhead power line, the railway line to Southend, and the long grey sheds of Brown and Tawse Steel Tubes.

Unspoilt? Hardly. Yet is does have a feeling of rural isolation, the first you come across on the long crawl eastwards out of London. And it is easy enough to see why every house in the neighbouring village of Bulphan has a "Say No to Tillingham Hall" sticker in its window.

If you were going to build anywhere in the green belt, this would, I suppose, be less bad than most sites. But is it necessary to build on the green belt at all?

The Greater London Council and the local planning authorities in the south-east chorus: "there is enough land in London to build the houses that need to be built to the end of the century." The builders say there isn't.

How many thousands of extra households will need to be housed by 1991 or 2000? Nobody really knows. There are so many variables: the marriage rate, the divorce rate, the age at which children leave home, the rate of migration from one part of the country to another.

It is comforting to fall back on the line that builders ought first to be using up inner-city wasteland sites. But my impression, looking out of the train window, is that many of the most unappetising slivers of land beside the tracks are already being built on—although public authorities should still be forced to disgorge more.

The only true test is the real-life price of building land, not the planners' forecasts. Often 40 per cent. and more of the price of a new house now goes to pay for the site, as opposed to the traditional 10 or 15 per cent. When even the tiny doll's houses which builders are now forced to put up in the south-east cost over £50,000, then there is a land shortage. At that price, how many families can afford to "move to where the jobs are"?

The metropolitan green belt has been increased in size by nearly a half in the past 10 years. Its originators before the 1939-45 war had in mind a much thinner belt little more than a mile wide.

I would not care to have a new town, however compact and beautifully planned, at the bottom of my garden. But sooner or later I suspect that some Housing Minister is going to have to take his courage in both hands and impel the counties to designate more land for housing. And I should have thought that it was better to concentrate the unpopularity by building a decent new town than by continuing to erode the countryside everywhere.

AS WE ALL know, Mr Francis Pym is a gentleman of the old school, intensely loyal, unfailingly *preux* and *sans reproche*, and a lover of fine Georgian architecture. Even so, I am not quite sure that he is the ideal person to lead a Tory opposition group.

His political beliefs at this juncture can, I think, be summarised as: less sandpaper, more oilcan. To judge from his speeches and writing, he seems to blame the nation's plight largely on the defects in Mrs Thatcher's "tone" or "style," rather than on her policies, though he disagrees with one or two of those too.

But the blacker he paints the nation's plight, the less he looks like the answer to it. If Mrs Thatcher is run over by a bus (or if Mr Pym "assists" her to catch one), then to reverse what he sees as the nation's decline, the new leadership would surely have to be more, not less, resolute, radical and abrasive than Mrs Thatcher at full blast. Mr Heseltine or Dr Owen would be much more suitable. Even Mr Heath—with what Mr George Gale once called his "angry will"—would fit the bill better than the labile enticements of Mr Pym.

I AM WORRIED about the weathermen. It began with the informality: the giglamps and the giggles, the flashy ties and the shiny Norfolk-style jackets which only weathermen seem to wear.

From informality, they have now descended to a kind of carefree admission of failure: "whoops, that area of low pressure certainly had us foxed yesterday." The old Meteorological Office never confessed to error. One was left instead with the feeling that it was the weather which had failed to live up to its better self.

Now the final degradation: the unprecedented confession last weekend "that we really haven't much idea how the weather will develop at all over the next few days." That would never have done in the days on the Air Ministry roof.

PAUL NATHANSON visits Northern Ireland's most famous rose grower who will introduce new varieties at the Chelsea Flower Show next week

Every rose has its day

IF the rose is the queen of flowers, then one of its most loyal and loving servants is the Dickson family, which has been breeding international prize-winning roses at Newtownards near Belfast since 1887. Dickson roses are now grown almost everywhere in the world from Peking to Buckingham Palace and three new varieties — Anisley Dickson, Peaudouce and Wishing — are being introduced at the Chelsea Flower Show next week.

The dynasty now entering its 150th year in horticulture, started in 1836 when Alexander Dickson moved from Edinburgh to Newtownards where he founded a nursery. Alexander I was an estate agent by profession and looked after the property of the Duke of Leicester as well as families in County Down.

The original nursery bred vegetables and asters and Alexander distinguished himself by pioneering the use of quills for the storage of pollen. Hermetically sealed the pollen retained its vitality. However, it was only 51 years later in 1887 that Alexander II, grandson of the patriarch, started to specialise in breeding roses and exhibited for the first time at the National Rose Society's Show.

Alexander II was the grandfather of Patrick Dickson, who represents the fifth generation of the family and today heads the rose operations at Newtownards. Mr Dickson is 58 and has a jockey's build and a nimble way with words. His genial, avuncular manner gives no hint of his preeminence among the world's top breeders.

"Grandpa," he recalls, "had a tremendous smile and was a very lovable character. He was a big man too — over 6ft — like all the Dickson men: the Dickson women were very bossy but great cooks. They had a lot of money, enjoyed life and travelled. He went to Paris every year to plant the roses in the Bagatelle Garden, created by the Empress Josephine, and was made a Chevalier of the Legion of Honour for his services to French horticulture.

Mr Dickson's first cousin, David Jamison, says that it was their grandfather who made Dickson's into an international concern and remembers him as very erect with a fine head of white hair.

Patrick Dickson with his wife Anisley and the rose he named after her.

"Although everyone called him 'The Master,' he had growling matches with his gardeners over how hard to prune the roses. He always carried a very sharp knife to cut them himself if they wavered."

After 43 years in the business Grandpa Dickson retired in 1950, passing his wisdom and secrets on to Patrick Dickson's father, Alexander III and his brother, George. Alexander was the gentlest of men and quite terrified of George, whom Mr Dickson describes as gruff, clever and very arrogant.

Mr Dickson himself took over in 1957. Oddly, he started rose breeding rather late at the age of 25 and then via carnations. "I came out of the army," he says, "and went into the nursery at Newtownards, but my heart wasn't in it to begin with and my family were quite worried about me. I spent the first year wrecking cars and vans as I was mad about racing cars and motor bikes."

Then he came under the spell of Bob Drew who had been with the company for 50 years. Bob, he recalls, taught him so much about the depth of the rose. He was a man with a real love of roses and knew the varieties and histories. "Rosebreeders are born," adds Mr Dickson, "You don't educate someone into breeding roses; you must have it in your blood just like a painter."

In friendly competition with his father Mr Dickson started crossing many varieties, lifting pollen from his father's greenhouse and encountering a few disasters before making any progress. He specialised in red Hybrid Teas and started to be known as The Red Hybrid Tea Man. His successes include Red Planet, Red Devil, Redgold, Grandpa Dickson, Scented Air, Mala Rubinstein and Stroller.

After international awards from Tokyo to Oregon, U.S.A., one is bound to ask: how does he do it? How does one become a top rose breeder? "You must have a good eye," he explains, "to immediately recognise the possibilities of a particular rose from a seed-bed full of thousands of tiny roses just 5ins high." Patience and perseverance count too; it took him some 13 years to produce Red Planet which won him his second President's International Trophy. (Grandpa Dickson won the first.)

As to the perfect rose, well breeders will debate that into the small hours. It must be a rose which can grow in any climate from Sweden to the hot sun. And the best way of getting the most out of the roses in your garden, he adds — and they should give you 30 years — is two-fold.

"Like children you must give them something to feed on. But the secret is in the *pruning*. Cut out the old wood and with the much lighter-coloured wood they'll last and last and last.

"People are so afraid to cut hard. The rough guide is: think where you are going to prune and then go a couple of inches lower." Alexander II's voice can still be heard, growling at the gardeners shaking their heads in disbelief.

LONDON DAY BY DAY

BBC chairman takes flight into Israel

STUART YOUNG, the B B C chairman, is flying to Israel tomorrow to counter long-standing criticism there that the corporation's coverage of Middle-Eastern affairs is Arab-biased.

His visit follows a goodwill tour of Saudi Arabia last November which, as I reported at the time, was probably the most delicate fence-mending mission ever undertaken by a top B B C executive. Ironically in Riyadh he was chided constantly for alleged pro-Israeli bias.

The Israelis are taking next week's visit extremely seriously and a meeting has been arranged with the Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Top of the agenda will doubtless be the recent coverage of Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon and the conduct of the Israeli troops which has caused much controversy.

At least the Israelis can rely on a receptive ear from the urbane and able Young, who is himself Jewish and who was once a governor of Tel Aviv University. He knows the country well, has many friends there and has, in the past, been a frequent visitor.

Notwithstanding

THE CLIVE Ponting affair continues to rankle with his former colleagues at the Ministry of Defence, many of whom were unhappy at his acquittal in the Belgrano leak trial.

Not least of their irritations, I gather, is the support and adulation afforded him by the trade union movement, including the "mandarins' union," the First Division Association, to which Ponting belonged.

The association contributed £1,000 to his defence fund but the splendidly named James Carruthers, a senior F D A member at the ministry, points out that he and his fellow members were not asked for their views on the pay out or even told whether or not Ponting's union dues were paid up at the time of his difficulties.

I am told that when he was arrested, Ponting was lapsed and thus, to use a union term, "out of benefit."

Some consternation has been expressed by members of Breckland District Council, deep in the heart of Norfolk, over a £10 ticket issued by the City of London police for illegal parking near my office here in Fleet Street. The vehicle is a 60-inch ride-on grasscutter.

Cool customers

NO ONE is more astounded by the current list of French best-sellers than William Boyd. His "An Ice-Cream War", a runner-up here for the 1982 Booker Prize, is at No 6—an almost unheard of position for a young British novelist in that seat of literary chauvinism.

Little was expected when the book, translated as "Comme Neige au Soleil", came out from Balland. But last month Boyd was invited on to the influential weekly television programme "Apostrophe."

In some terror, as all proceedings are in French, he sat down with his fellow-panelists and was flabbergasted when the presenter, Bernard Pivot, famous for his impartiality, announced to the nation: "This is the finest novel I have read in years. I urge you *all* to buy it. And if anyone is disappointed, I will personally give them a refund."

Next day, the 33-year-old novelist went with his wife Susan to the Salon des Livres book fair in Paris and was "mobbed". He had to sign 600 copies of the book there. Now, I am told, it has sold about 70,000 copies—and M. Pivot is still solvent.

Tragic links

DURING the minute's silence at the Wembley Cup Final today in memory of those who died in the Bradford City fire disaster, supporters of both Everton and Manchester United might well ponder on the connections between the sad Yorkshire city and the F A Cup.

In 1911 Bradford City was the first club to win the trophy which will be presented today and, by coincidence, the cup—the third in the long history of the competition — was manufactured by Fattorini and Sons, a Bradford company.

Expensive lady

ONE OF the most keenly awaited books to emerge from the Reagan administration — a memoir by Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick—has been promoting fierce bidding among America's leading publishing houses.

The victor, it emerges, is Simon and Schuster, which has agreed to pay Mrs Kirkpatrick an advance of 900,000 dollars against royalties.

The work promises to be a "personal view" of domestic and international politics and will cover her term as American ambassador to the United Nations as well as the political soul-searching which led to her switching recently from the Democrat to the Republican party.

Love thy labour?

LABOUR MEPs seem happier staging "impromptu" demonstrations against President Reagan than get down to the real issues of unemployment.

Not one of them appeared at a European Trade Union conference in Milan this week attended by the likes of Moss Evans and Ray Buckton. Europe's 14 million unemployed figured prominently in the discussions.

The only British MEP present was, ironically, a Conservative, Margaret Daly. She once ran the Conservative Trade Unionists organisation.

Better Days

WHILE THE ubiquitous stars of stage and screen who will line up for tomorrow night's gala re-opening of the White Rock Pavilion in Hastings after its £1 million refurbishment are certain to draw the crowds, older residents of the East Sussex resort will remember the heady pre-war days when the top classical artists visited the building.

Sir Henry Wood, Sir Edward Elgar and Basil Cameron, among others, conducted from the platform and such prominent performers as Myra Hess, Rachmaninov, Paderewski and Richard Tauber made the Pavilion into the most popular concert hall on the South Coast.

"It seems to explain these late night debates"

The total cost of the building when it was opened by the then Prince of Wales, later Edward VIII, in 1927, was a tenth of the bill for the just-completed restoration. How times have changed.

Ardent memory

A PAIR of silver candlesticks and a crucifix are to be dedicated today at a service at St Nicholas' Church in Drake, the Devonport naval barracks, in memory of the 22 officers and men who died three years ago in the frigate, Ardent.

The altar silver has been paid for by donations from surviving members of the company, families and friends, who will be joined by officers of the Fourth Frigate Squadron to which Ardent belonged. The 2nd Battalion Scots Guards with whom Ardent had close links will also be represented.

Calling the tune

TV-am, now considering what damages to seek from the BBC for the piracy of the Princess Michael interview, has been rather surprised by the flood of copies returned from the Corporation following the court order in TV-am's favour.

They have been pouring in from all corners of the BBC empire — from Television Centre, Lime Grove, Bush House and from local regional outposts. The final haul includes four one-inch video tapes, more than 20 video cassettes and many more audio tapes.

What amused TV-am most of all was the BBC's assumption that the breakfast company would pay for messengers to call and collect them. It was an invitation that TV-am politely declined.

Arsenic and old plaice

AN ADVERTISEMENT in the parish newspaper in Haxby, Yorks, invites villagers to a barn dance in the local memorial hall, adding: "Tickets £3 each, including fish supper from Woods, chemist, Haxby."

PETERBOROUGH

LETTERS

House-building in South-East

SIR—I am growing increasingly concerned at the wild claims of the housebuilders and others of the "need" to build ever more houses in the South-East.

Growth is already high; Hook village, Hants, has 50 per cent. more houses in it today than it had in 1981 and by 1988 will have a total of 2,000 houses, twice the number of 1981.

The high influx of newcomers can result in the destruction of a village community as it attempts to cope with a doubling of the population over a very short period. Schools, transport and village facilities swiftly become inadequate.

Not content with this, the housebuilders want to enlarge Hook to three times its new size by building a mini-town of 4,500 houses which would totally crush the village. We have been waiting since June 1984 for the Secretary of State to decide whether this adventure is to proceed.

If there is really a need for more housing, why is it that there are so many houses for sale in the area? It is a buyers' market. Where is the demand that is spoken about so stridently? The sale of new houses is slow, the sale of second-hand ones slower. Who is fooling whom over the numbers game?

If the housebuilders are correct and new houses create new jobs (which I find hard to accept), why not build new housing in the North? The South is being squeezed, the population being jammed into a small area. Why not develop in the North, encourage new job prospects and reduce the North/South divide?

D. J. BURKE
Chairman, Hook Parish Cncl,
Hook, Hants.

Prudent administration

SIR—I was shocked to read Mr Tony Dowse-Brenan's letter (May 10). I have recently retired from Somerset County Council after 26 years during which time I served under five different chairmen of education including Mr Dowse-Brenan.

Personally I think it is wrong for a schoolmaster to be chairman of education. The truth of the matter is that Mr Dowse-Brenan obviously belongs to the wrong party and he thinks that no matter how small the cake, education should be given whatever it says: it needs irrespective of the damage to the other sectors of local government.

There is no doubt that the country was having to face serious financial stringency after the last Socialist administration and money simply was not available to be distributed in the manner suggested by Mr Dowse-Brenan.

Many of us will regret what happened in the county council elections on May 2 particularly those who switched from Tory to Liberal/S D P but many of us also will feel the cause was due to quite different reasons. It is a pity the Secretary of State was unable to differentiate between the spendthrift Socialist authorities and the prudent Tory administrations.

It was only because the Tory administrations were driven to find essential additional financial means that they adopted the policy of selling off the county owned farms in a county where the two main industries are farming and tourism.

At least I voted against that policy but I quite understood the honourable motives for its introduction.

M. H. WALEY-COHEN
Exford, Somerset.

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Nothing in common

From Lady MAUDE

SIR—Lt. Col. John Codrington, of Oakham, Rutland (May 13), has put his finger on it. Only a bureaucracy, drunk with power, could imagine that Huntingdonshire could have anything in common with Cambridgeshire; that "Avon" could be chopped off Somerset; that the Berkshire Vale of the White Horse, with the ancient boroughs of Abingdon and Wantage, should have been dragged into Oxfordshire; that calling two distinct *counties* "Cumbria," thus obliterating centuries of tradition and infuriating the inhabitants, could make any sense; or that there is some virtue in consigning historic place-names to oblivion, and inventing ridiculous new ones to replace them.

The sooner all this nonsense is reversed the better.

BARBARA MAUDE
South Newington, Oxon.

Multi-ethnic education

SIR—Mr Peter Newsam (May 10) displays his adroitness as a politician (May 10) when he declines to comment on anything specific in my article (May 8) and tries to put me in the wrong by accusing me of being a liar.

I challenge him to quote any part of my article which implies that I personally was ever prevented from expressing publicly my misgivings about the manner in which multi-ethnic education was being carried out within the Inner London Education Authority. It may have been a case of a fool rushing in where the prudent feared to follow but at least I did have the guts to say openly what a great many other I L E A personnel said, and are still saying, in private.

Even Mr Newsam himself has hitherto hesitated to defend publicly Mr Raymond Honeyford's democratic right to express "intemperate or silly" views. Is he man enough to do so now?

TOM HASTIE
London, S.W.11.

Under the Thames

SIR—I read with interest the suggestion in your columns on May 11 that a road tunnel should be built under the Thames to by-pass Parliament Square. The Movement for London, an organisation backed by the road lobby and motoring interests, states that "in Parliament Square there is the only serious bottleneck on 6½ miles of riverside route from Chelsea to Tower Hill."

Surely a more *radical* approach, in tune with the Government's pioneering and innovative approach, would be to demolish the Parliament buildings altogether?

This would, after all, allow traffic to have a completely free route. And a Government that can abolish metropolitan democratic institutions could surely find time to attack national ones as well.

MICHAEL WARD
Dep. Leader, Greater London Cncl,
County Hall, S.E.1.

Inquest praise for police heroes in Bradford ashes

By JAMES ALLAN in Bradford

THE enormity of the gruesome task confronting rescuers in the smouldering shell of the Bradford City grandstand was revealed in the stark evidence at yesterday's opening of the inquest on the 52 victims.

Crowbars and axes had to be used to separate charred bodies that had been engulfed in burning asphalt which then solidified as it cooled.

"It was not always possible to foresee every extremity," a senior police surgeon, Dr DAVID FIELDHOUSE, told the West Yorkshire coroner Mr JAMES TURNBULL.

Some of the 20 bodies found piled by the turnstiles had to be freed from the turnstile mechanisms, and others had to be freed from each other as well as from the turnstiles.

Only two of the victims could be visually identified. Yet by Tuesday evening all the others had been identified by dental records, shoes, jewellery, spectacles, wallets, snooker chalks, a bus pass, a wages slip and a Bradford City scarf.

A traffic warden, Peter Lovell, 43, who had been on duty, was identified by his uniform.

No words are adequate

Mr Turnbull said he wanted to record his thanks to everyone involved in the investigation.

It had been carried out at the highest level of efficiency and integrity. The identification had been completed at a speed he had thought almost impossible, given the problems.

"The police should be admired for the work they have done, the help they have given to the public, and the friendship displayed to the bereaved," he said.

"I cannot find words which would be adequate to express my admiration for these men."

The coroner was told that 35 police suffered burns while helping spectators escape the inferno during last Saturday's match with Lincoln. Three were kept in hospital.

In the hours of despair after the tragedy, releatives made a total of 796 inquiries, leading to 636 reports of potentially missing people.

Eventually 366 were found safe and well, 215 were casualties, 52 died, and there were three false or misleading calls.

Relatives had been told they need not attend yesterday's hearing at Bradford magistrates' court.

But the room was packed with reporters, police, representatives of other emergency services, and the Lord Mayor, Mrs Olive Messer.

Mr Turnbull said the full inquest would not take place until the Government's judicial inquiry by Mr Justice Popplewell was completed.

He explained: "It will become apparent that for various reasons, not the least of which is upsetting the bereaved persons, it was realised at an early stage that personal and visual identification of the deceased was not going to be possible and therefore other procedures were adopted."

48 members in the ashes

Fifty-two police officers—one for each victim—were called to give evidence of identification, which took nearly 1½ hours to complete.

Dr Fieldhouse said that after he made a tour of the burnt-out stand, numbered tags were placed on 48 bodies.

Two large groups of bodies were found at the back of the stand.

"It was thought that within those two groups there might have been one or two other deceased persons hidden from view, and in the event this proved to be correct."

Eventually 50 bodies were found and removed. A suspected 51st turned out to be debris.

Three were found near the perimeter fence close to the pitch, two towards the top left side of the stand, and two near the middle of the stand.

A total of 43 were found at the top or back of the stand. Of these, five were on the back walkway, two were lying close together, and one was in a short passage leading to the double exit doors.

Another 12 were in a pile near to that passageway, and three were in the men's toilet.

Four were at the centre turnstiles and 16 were in the turnstiles nearest to G block at the right hand side of the stand where the fire began.

Supt MARK RAND described the painstaking identification work. The police casualty bureau had ben staffed by 20 officers, and the identification team was 94-strong.

Five pathologists worked continuously with a dental expert.

Another team of officers was set up to brief relatives "as sensitively but as purposefully as possible".

Mr JOHN DOMAILLE, West Yorkshire's Assistant Chief Constable (Operations), who is leading investigations, said: "At present, the evidence as to the cause of the fire is inconclusive.

"There is no positive evidence of deliberate setting fire. There is no evidence to date of criminal culpability."

The blaze began in G block in the space under the wooden floor of the stand in the vicinity of row Y, seats 141-3.

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'This obscene loss of life'

Once the fire reached the roof, it spread devastatingly quickly, and burning asphalt strips began falling from the roof on to spectators.

After agreeing that funeral disposal orders should be issued Mr Turnbull adjourned the inqueset eto a date to be fixed after the inquiry by Mr Justice POPPLEWELL into the disaster.

The coroner said: "My staff and I are accustomed to dealing with circumstances involving bereavement. It is our daily experience. But I give you the assurance that the regularity of such happenings doesn't in any way reduce the depths of feeling which we always have."

The fire was "an appalling tragedy and an almost obscene loss of life.

"This event has moved us all. It will take us all some considerable time to recovere. To some extent, I don't think any one of us will ever recover fully."

13 MILLION SAW NEWS BULLETIN ON BRADFORD

By Our Television Staff

A Saturday night news bulletin featuring reports on the Bradford soccer fire tragedy was the most watched programme on BBC last week, attracting 13,450,000 viewers, at least two million more than usual.

More than two million viewers watched a special programme presented by David Frost on TV-am the morning after.

The "top ten" for the week ending May 12 were: 1, "Coronation Street" Wednesday (Granada); 2, "Coronation Street" Monday; 3, "Crossroads" Wednesday (Central); 4, "News and Sport" Saturday (BBC-1); 5, "Widows" (Thames); 6, "Hawk the Slayer" (ITV); 7, "Emmerdale Farm" Tuesday (Yorkshire); 8, "Minder" (Thames); 9, "Crossroads" Tuesday; 10, "EastEnders" Tuesday (BBC-1).

Research by Audits of Great Britain for Broadcasters Audience Research Board.

Disaster fund may aid victims to sue club

By STANLEY GOLDSMITH

MONEY from the Bradford fire disaster appeal fund may be used by victims to sue the soccer club for compensation, Mr Roger Suddards, chairman of the trustees, said yesterday.

Cases of hardship

As the fund yesterday topped £750,000 the first cash payments were made to beneficiaries, but the trustees decided at an inaugural meeting that neither the amounts nor recipients' names should be disclosed.

Mr Suddards said Bradford Law Society would give free legal consultations to the injured and bereaved, and added: "I think we would consider helping out people who want to take legal action with their legal fees."

He and the other trustees, Mr Gerald Hodges, Bradford City Council's finance director, and Mr Keith Marsden, chairman of Pennine Radio, would also discuss compensation with the club's insurers, said Mr Suddards soon after the signing of a deed permitting the trustees to administer the fund.

The trustees are to consult their counterparts on the Penlee and Aberfan disaster funds to try to avoid pitfalls.

Mr Suddards said: "Our priority is to deal with cases of hardship and ensure that people who have suffered and may well be impoverished as a result of the tragedy are dealt with as quickly as posible."

Money will be given to help relatives to visit the injured in hospital and to pay for funerals, while the trustees consider whether to hand out regular amounts or lump sums to families which lost their breadwinners.

Mr Stafford Heginbotham, chairman of Bradford City F C, has auctioned his two tickets for today's F A Cup final. They were bought for £425 by the Olympic swimmer Adrian Moorhouse.

Mr Heginbotham said: "The last thing any of us have on our minds is watching a football match. No one from the club is going to Wembley."

Station Officer Dennis Budd amidst the ruins of Torquay United's stand yesterday.

TORQUAY FIRE 'NOT ARSON'

THE likely cause of a fire which destroyed part of a wooden grandstand at Torquay United Football Club was an electrical fault, and not arson, police said last night.

The fire destroyed a third of the 65-year-old timber stand, including seating, offices and a shower room, six days after the Bradford City tragedy.

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said: "Preliminary indications are that there are no suspicious circumstances, and it is likely that the fire was caused by an electrical fault.

"The fire started in an enclosed building and there was no evidence to suggest that the locks into it had been tampered with."

Nevertheless, because the blaze was so soon after the Bradford tragedy, Home Office forensic experts from Cheostow, Gwent, had been brought in to undertake a thorough investigation.

Soccer hooligans 'destroying sport'

Soccer hooligans are destroying sport, European Sports Ministers said yesterday a a two-day informal meeting in Lisbon, organised by the Council of Europe.

The Ministers called for concrete action in Europe against football hooligans and spectator violence. They agreed to set up national study groups on the quesion to report back to the September 1986 meeting to be held in Ireland.

Kinnock and Clarke visit survivors

Fifty survivors of the Bradford fire, recovering in St Luke's Hospital, had two distinguished visitors in the space of an hour yesterday. Mr Clarke, Health Minister, made a tour of of the wards closely followed by Mr Kinnock, the Labour leader.

Mr Kinnock later visited the family of Mr Roy Mason, 75, a former journalist from Silsden, Keighley, who died from his injuries on Monday. Mr Mason, a former Labour party worker, was seen by millions of television viewers staggering across the pitch in flames.

LINCOLN'S £16,000

People in Lincoln have raised more than £16,000 for the Bradford fire disaster appeal with donations from the City Council, Lincoln and District Football Supporters' Club, and Lincoln City, who were playing Bradford when the fire broke out.

Gala might appeal

Nottingham Forest FC is planning to hold a gala night of stars on June 5 to boost the appeal for the Fletcher family who lost four members in the Bradford fire tragedy.

NEWSPAPERS' CONTEMPT FINE 'WIPED OUT'

The DAILY MAIL and DAILY STAR had a £2,000 fine for contempt of court against each of them wiped out yesterday. At Southwark Crown Court Judge Gerald Butler, Q C, said he had no jurisdiction to make the order in the first place.

"What has gone wrong here is that I was led to believe proceedings were afoot. It is now crystal clear that was not the position, the judge said.

In their April 19 editions both papers carried the address of the defendant in a theft case in breach of the judge's order.

The judge made his order after being told the defendant was the victim in a pending rape case. But Mr John Mathews, Q.C, for the papers, said police had "exhausted" their inquiries into the alleged rape. There was no suspect and effectively the file was closed.

DELHI BUS STRIKE

By Our Delhi Correspondent

Delhi commuters were left staranded yesterday when drivers and conductors on the city's bus system began a strike in protest at the suspension of two colleagues who pushed two passengers out of a speeding bus.

Submarine 'had no room for woman'

A DEFENCE scientist who said she was told to leave a nuclear submarine because she was a woman alleged sexual discrimination by the Ministry of Defence at an industrial tribunal in Bristol yesterday.

Dr YVONNE HAWKINS expected to take part in six days of sonar trials on the newly-built Turbulent.

But after only two hours in the submarine she was told to leave because there was no accommodation or facilities on board for her she told the tribunal.

This was despite "several" similar assignments in the past where sleeping arrangements had been made for the 33-year-old physicist.

Dr Hawkins said: "It was a very humiliating experience. I was just trying to do my job but the captain told me the submarine was full and that it was company policy not to allow women on board.

"Their attitude shocked me and made me very angry and, after failing to reason with them, I warned I would take the matter to an industrial tribunal."

Camp beds

Dr Hawkins, of Portland, Dorset, is alleging sexual discrimination by Vickers Shipbuilding and Engineering and the Ministry of Defence, for which she works at the Admiralty Research Establishment in Portland.

She claims that shortly before the tests in Loch Striven near the River Clude, she was told there would probably be no place in the submarine for her.

"But I thought there would e some form of arrangement whereby I could get on board and so I went to the submarine, despite the uncertainty," added Dr Hawkins.

She said that in the past arrangements had been made for her with camp beds and using the cabins of male crew members while they were on duty.

The hearing was adjourned until today.

DRUG GANG JAILED FOR 'CONSPIRACY'

The Scratchwood service area on te M 1 was a distribution point used by a gang of drug smugglers to unload cannabis worth £10 million, the Old Bailey heard yesterday. Vegetable lorries were fitted with secret compartments to tore thousands of kilos of the drug.

After an 11-week trial, three Englishmen and two Dutchmen were convicted of taking part in what Judge Francis Petre described as "a major conspiracy" to flood the country wth cannabi. Some of the gang ringleaders have escaped abroad.

Peter Cain, 39, of Hayes, Middlesex, was jailed for seven-and-a-half years. Joseph King, 52, of Hackney, George Gregory, 41, of Bethnal Green, and Frans Swemmer, 25, from Amsterdam, were each sentenced to six years.

Gisbert van de Kleut, 37, of Bletchingley, Surrey, was jailed for four years.

POPPY FARMERS ON BAIL

By Our Rome Correspondent

Twenty farmers from Radduza, Sicily, who were arrested last week on charges of growing poppies and using their seeds for heroin production, were granted bail yesterday.

After customs officers from nearby Catina arrested the men, the Mayor of Radduza came to their defence saying the poppy fields have been cultivated for centuries. The seeds were sun-dried and used for decorating and flavouring bread and cakes.

BOY DEAD IN POOL

A boy of four has been found dead in a school swimming pool after apparently crawling beneath the plastic cover. Toyin Salami, whose parents are doctors in Lagos, Nigeria, had been taken to Claremont School, Westfield, East Sussex.

HIGH-TECH TENTS FOR TIBETANS

MORE than 500,000 Mongolian and Tibetan nomads are abandoning their shabby yak-hair tents for homes made of silicon canvas, the official Xinhua news agency said in Peking yesterday.

Some 100,000 families of herdsmen living on the grasslands of Qinghai province in China's far west will move to the new tents over the next decade. The new tents have light steel frames and are "warmer, brighter, lighter and more sanitary, durable and mobile" than the traditional yak-hair types.

Solar power

The tents may be equipped with more than 1,000 kinds of special fittings, including stoves, movable tables and chairs, mobile beds and milk separators.

They are also designed to house wind-powered electric generators and solar-powered silicon batteries and can geenrate their own energy.—UPI.

GIRL, 17, RAPED ON TRAIN

By MICHAEL FIELD in Paris

A TEENAGED girl was raped on a suburban train near Paris while seven passengers made no attempt to help her.

The rape took place in a tunnel just before the rtain arrived at the Gare d'Austerlitz. The other travellers in the carriage did not intervene.

The girl, aged 17, got on the train at a suburban station on her way to a hairdressing school in Paris. Three men aged about 20 to 25, wearing jeans and bomber jackets, sat next to her.

"We talked and laughted together," he girl told police. "The train entered a tunnel and the carriage became dark. Two of them grabbed me.

"The third tore off my underclothing and jumped on me, raping me in spite of my shouts. When it was light again he did up his clothes quickly."

Ran off

The whole ordeal lasted less than two minutes. The three youths ran off after the train drew into the station.

The girl repored her experience to the school, and made charges of rape that night when she returned home.

The French League for Women's Rights called the incident a "rape in public" and called on the authorities to limit "provocative advertising."

There are 35,000 rapes a year in France, according to statistics and 80 per cent of victims do not report them. A number occur in trains.

£4,600 fine for dirty kitchen at Wheeler's

By DAVID GRAVES

WHEELER'S RESTAURANTS, the leading fish restaurant chain, was fined £4,600 at Bow Street yesterday after admitting eight charges under food hygiene regulations.

Two environmental health officers from Westminster City Council found a "large number of live cockroaches and deposits of thick blackened grease covering various surfaces" in the kitchen at the firm's Old Compton Street premises, said Miss PENELOPE BIRD, prosecuting.

She told the court: "Conditions were such that there was a risk of food contamination."

The inspectors, who carried out a routine inspection of the restaurant's second-floor kitchen on Sept. 27 last year, also found deposits of old food debris stuck to parts of the equipment.

Costs order

Wheeler's was also ordered council, which brought the to pay £338 costs to the city prosecution.

Miss Bird said the cockroaches were found around an ice cream conservator and on the floor was "thick, blackened grease covering large areas."

Food debris was found beneath the cooking range and congealed grease was on the tiles of a wall behind a small preparation table where there was a mixing bowl.

In one refrigerator a bowl of uncovered prawns was placed two inches from a fan-guard which was encrusted with dirt. A can opener was also found with a cutting blade covered in "thick, blackened grease."

Contractor's inspector

Mr Richard Beckett, for the company, said that three days before the visit the kitchen had been inspected by Wheeler's vermin control contractors which had given it "a clean bill of health."

The contract with the vermin control firm had now been terminated and a new company employed which carried out almost daily inspections.

Mr Beckett said the kitchen had been due for a £250,000 rebuilding programme and the then general manager who was in charge in 20 premises "must have put this one at the bottom o fhis list."

He added: "It was not a question of having no proper vermin control contract. The company was badly let down there. Nor was it a case of ignoring a warning.

"Unfortunately the state of the kitchen had not been percolated beyond the general manager to senior management and it came as a surprise and a shock to this company which maintains the highest standards in a number of other premises. Their record has been nothing but good in the past."

Wheeler's has had a tradition of providing quality fish dishes for almost 60 years. It was founded in 1926 by Mr Bernard Walsh, the son of a fish stall owner in Whistable, Kent.

The Old Compton Street restaurant was opened 56 years ago, the first of the company's premises in London, and soon became frequented by high society.

A spokesman for Wheeler's said after the case: "This was the first time Wheeler's has been fined since we started operating on that site. Emergency work was carried out immediately after the inspection and a completely new kitchen is shortly to be built there.

"Altogether the company is spending in the region of £500,000 on five or six kitchens at our premises in London to maintain the highest possible standards.

"Although Wheeler's welcomes the higher standards Westminster Council wants to impose there has been a feeling in the trade that it has only been picking on well known companies."

The council denied there was a campaign against London's top restaurants, and said its only aim was to protect the public.

In September, 1983, the Cafe Royal in Regent Street was fined £675 after being found guilty of 12 summonses under health regulations, and last year other well known premises were also fined.

MONKEYS KEPT IN SUSPENSE

By Our Bangkok Correspondent

A Thai provincial governor has officially declared war on about 600 monkeys for destroying public property but refused to make public his tactics because "it will leak out to the monkeys."

Chaowas Sudlabha, governor of Petchaburi province, 105 miles north of Bangkok, said the herd was multiplying too rapidly. The animals were also annoying his villagers, ate electric wires and damaged parts of temples, including a well-known palace and tourist attraction built more than 120 years ago.

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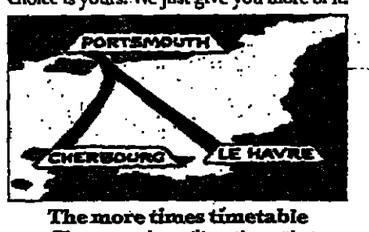

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Gold Mines	484·1	− 0·47	536·9	439·5
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RIGHTS ISSUES

Issue price			
200	Bank of Scotland (nil pd)	185 pm	− 5
350	Beazer, C. H. (nil pd)	28 pm	− 4
80	Grov. Sq. Pp. Gp (nil pd)	7 pm	..
66	London North (nil pd)	10 pm	+ 1
235	Memec (nil pd)	58 pm	..
95	Nationwide Leis. (nil pd)	3 pm	..

RECENT ISSUES

Issue Price			
20	Amer. Electric Compnts.	23½	..
172	ASDA Props.	176	..
175	Aspen Comm.	177	..
155	Assoc. Steel Distributors	177	− 1
82	BTS Group	78	..
165	Bedford Williams	160	..
150	Berkley Tech.	144	+ 1
270	Brit. Aero.	239	− 6
85	Crown International	88	..
165	Clayform Properties	168	..
135	Coloroll	126	− 2
200	Domino Print Sci.	294	− 2
100	Electron House	127	..
117	German Small Units	108	..
129	Howard Group	134	..
180	Humleigh Tech.	205	..
145	Mann & Co.	160	..
28	Maxiprint	29	..
100	Mayhew Foods	120	..
120	Moorgate Group	172	− 2
175	New London Oil	178	..
	P & O Conv. Pref. 5·5%	109	..
100	Pape	90	..
110	Persimmon	108	− 2
100	Prestwick Holdgs.	105	..
92	Process Systems	75	..
	Racal 7% conv.	98½	..
	Sangers 11% CV. Ln 94 02	182	..
110	Scott Greenham	104	..
175	Sherwood Computer	183	..
100	Shorrock	87	..
128	Sims Catering Butchers	155	..
175	Slatron	178	..
	T & S Stores	146	..
130	Wayne Kerr	145	..
68	Wyko	68	..

THE POUND ABROAD

	17-5-85	Prev. close
Austria	27.33−.39	27.41−.55
Belgium	78.28−.44	78.25−.67
Canada	1.7323−.7339	1.7260−.7300
Denmark	13.9871−.9900	13.9213−.0000
France	11.8437−.8687	11.8314−.8523
Germany W	3.8760−.8854	3.8809−.8849
Holland	4.3825−.3358	4.3784−.3812
Ireland	1.2415−.2475	1.2375−.2435
Italy	2479.34−2488.61	2475.19−2481.8
Japan	316.63−317.29	316.44−317.27
Norway	11.2496−.3158	11.1578−.2341
Portugal	218.94−223.93	220.50−224.32
Spain	216.05−.69	217.05−218.82
Sweden	11.2521−.2781	11.2056−.2738
Switzerland	3.2611−.2715	3.2461−.2596
Utd. States	1.2540−.2605	1.2600−.2615

* Convertible rate.

Effective Sterling Exchange Rate Index NOON 79.1 (78.8) CLOSE 79.0 (78.9) (Base 1975 = 100)

OTHER MARKET RATES

Argentina	Peso 649.45−660.50
Australia	A$1 8440−1.8466
Brazil	Cruzeiro 6582.00−6880.00
Cyprus	C£ 0.7920−0.7371
Finland	Markka 8.0995−8.1082
Greece	Drachma 169.73−175.45
Hong Kong	HK$ 9.8000−9.8100
India	Rupee 15.8000
Iraq*	Dinar 0.3930−0.3980
Kuwait	Dinar 0.3770−0.3810
Malaysia	Ringgit 3.1140−3.1240
Saudi Arabia	Riyal 4.6030−4.5420
Singapore	S$ 2.8880−2.8930
South Africa	Rand 2.5070−2.5150
United Arab Emirates	Dirham 4.5800−4.6200

* Subject to limit.

DOLLAR RATES

	17-5-85	Prev. close
France	9·3975	9·4000
Germany	3·0810	3·0815
Switzerland	2·5900	2·5880
Japan	250·80	251·50
Trade weighted avg.	145·80	146·30

EUROCURRENCIES

DOLLARS:
7 days 8⅛−8⅜ — 1 month 8⅛−8⅜
3 months 8⅝−8⅞ — 6 months 8⅞−9⅛
MARKS:
7 days 5⅛−5⅜ — 1 month 5⅜−5⅝
3 months 5½−5¾ — 6 months 5⅝−5⅞
SWISS FRANCS:
7 days 1½−1¾ — 1 month 4⅛−4⅜
3 months 5⅛−5⅜ — 6 months 5¼−5½

FORWARD RATES

The forward rates for currencies for one month and three months are as follows:

	One month	Three months
Austria	15⅛−13⅞ Gr. pm	41⅝−37⅝ Gr. pm
Belgium	27−21 c.pm	71−62 c.pm
Canada	0.49−0.42 c.pm	1.26−1.19 c.pm
Denmark	4⅛−3⅝ Ore pm	11⅛−10⅛ Ore pm
France	3−3½ c pm	7½−6⅞ c pm
Germany W	2½−2¼ Pf pm	6⅞−6½ Pf pm
Holland	2⅛−1⅞ c.pm	6⅛−5⅞ c.pm
Italy	4 Lire pm−Par	4 Lire pm
Japan	1⅞−1⅝ Yen pm	5−4⅝ Yen pm
Norway	5 O.pm−½ O.dis	¾ O.pm−¾ O.dis
Portugal	95−420 c.dis	320−1205 c dis
Spain	15 c.pm−5 c.dis	75−50 c.dis
Sweden	3−3½ Ore dis	9⅞−10⅞ Ore dis
Switzerland	2½−2⅛ c.pm	6⅛−5⅞ c.pm
Utd. States	0.50−0.48 c.pm	1.39−1.35 c.pm

GOLD PRICE

1st Fix $319·80 — 2nd Fix $322·55
Close $322·50 — ($320·50)
Sterling Equiv. £254·99 — (£254·22)

KRUGERRANDS*

£258·00−£304·75 (£259·00−£305·99)

PLATINUM NOBLES

£235·15−£250·80 (£227·20−£228·88)

NEW SOVEREIGNS*

£58·00−£74·75 (£58·00−£74·75)

* Banks selling rate includes VAT and charges. Buying rate excludes VAT. Prices are for single coins.

MONEY MARKET RATES (per cent.)

CLEARING BANKS Base Rate 12½−12¾ (April 19)
FINANCE HOUSES Base Rate 13½ pc (May)
DISCOUNT MKT.: Day-to-Day 11−12⅝
INTERBANK: Overnight 12⅛−12¼; 7 days 12⅜−12¹¹⁄₁₆; 1 month 12⅝−12¾; 3 months 12⅝−12¾; 6 months 12⅝−12⅝
LOCAL AUTHORITY DEPOSITS: Two days 12⅝; Seven days 12⅝; One month 12⅝; Three months 12⅝
BANK BILLS: 1 month 12¼−12⅛; 3 months 12−12⅛; 6 months 11⅞−11⅞
TREAS. BILLS: 1 month 12⅛−12¼; 2 months 12⅛−12⅛; 3 months 11⅞−12
STERLING C.Ds.: 1 month 12⅝−12¾; 3 months 12⅛−12⅝; 1 year 11⅞−12⅛
DOLLAR C.Ds.: 1 month 7.90−8.00; 3 months 8.00−8.10; 1 year 8.70−8.80

* Ex-dividends. † Ex-scrip. ‡ Ex-all. § Ex-rights. a: Ex-Capital Returns. A: Report and Accounts awaited. South African Gold Producers: cover relates to the last accounts year. b: Interim since raised. c: Interim since lowered or passed. e: Forecasts dividend. Cover relates to previous year's dividend. f: Forecast dividend and earnings. g: Yield includes special payment. ‡: Yield excludes special payment. "": Quotation temporarily suspended. z Unlisted security. ° Tax free to non-residents.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

		Close	Day's range	Contracts traded	High-Low
Long Gilt	June	104·28	105·02−104·19	1495	107·20−101·28
	Sept	108·07	106·07−108·01	10	110·31−107·21
US T-bond	June	73·26	73·31−73·21	988	74·10−67·28
	Sept	72·25	72·28−72·25	3	73·05−67·16
3 month £	June	87·46	87·46−87·38	120	90·15−87·29
	Sept	88·20	88·25−88·08	1252	88·30−87·98
3 month Euro-dollar	June	91·64	91·66−91·60	712	91·70−89·22
	Sept	91·00	91·04−90·97	2962	91·11−88·18
Sterling	June	1·2530	1·2624−1·2475	114	1·2905−1·0000
	Sept	−	−	−	1·2915−1·0685
D-mark	June	0·3253	0·3255−0·3212	81	0·3379−0·2911
	Sept	0·3277	0·3277−0·3266	9	0·3307−0·3045
Swiss Franc	June	−	−	−	0·4059−0·3463
	Sept	−	−	−	3·3778−0·3775
Yen	June	0·3994	0·3994−0·3977	1	0·4068−0·3850
	Sept	−	−	−	0·4012−0·4010
FT-SE 100	June	132·10	133·00−131·95	181	133·70−112·00
	Sept	−	−	−	154·10−120·40

Contract specifications include: Long Gilt—notional 20 year stock with 12 pc coupon and face value of £50,000. US T-bond notional 15 year stock with 8pc coupon and face value of $100,000. 3 month sterling eurodollars—£500,000 (US$1 million with cash settlement option.
Currencies are quoted against the dollar with face value of £25,000, Dm 125,000 Sw F 125,000, and Yen 12,500,000.
FT-SE 100 quoted one-tenth the index with face value of £25 per index point. Settlement cash only.

CURRENCY OPTIONS

Option	Ex'cise Price	CALLS June	CALLS Sept.	CALLS Dec.	PUTS June	PUTS Sept.	PUTS Dec.
Sterling	125c	5·60	8·60	8·20	2·85	6·55	8·90
Sterling	130c	1·50	4·50	6·30	5·60	9·55	11·60

Contract specifications. Sterling is quoted against the dollar with face value of £12,50.

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STOCK EXCHANGE

Early rally in equities peters out

THE NEWS that inflation in Britain reached a two-and-a-half year high of 6·9 p.c. in April unsettled share prices on the London Stock Exchange yesterday.

Dealers were adopting a more cautious stance and quotations fell back from an earlier attempt at a modest rally. Sentiment was also clouded by the concern over the growth in the money supply, the latest opinion polls and the threat of further disruption in the coal industry.

The general undertone remained relatively firm, however, aided in part by a number of takeover and special situation stocks which once again helped stimulate investment interest across a broad range of market sectors.

The market mood was well illustrated by the "30" share index which after being 1£4 up at 11 a.m. finished the session 4·2 off at 1008·3. The "100" index ended the day 8·7 down at 1327·4.

Despite the increase in the rate of inflation, and the issue of £400 million worth of government index-linked "taplet" stocks, gilt-edged were reasonaby resilient.

After opening a bade easier in early deaings, the printed lists showed that these falls had been pulled back and in official "after hours" dealings prices edged ahead to between an £$^1_8$ and a £$^1_4$.

Bid situation

In blue chips prices tended easier but falls were usually contained to within the 5p to 5p band. **Grand Metropolitan**, however, fell 10 to 295p on further reflection of the recent figures while **Distillers** lost 6 to 295, as hopes of a takeover began to diminish. **Britih Aerospace** "new" shares eased 6 to 259p, following small offerings from investors who have received allotment letters, while the "old" were down a similar sum at 412p.

Those to resist the trend included **TI Group**, which firmed 9 to 254p on revived bid hopes, **Hanson Trut**, 4 higher at 232p, and **Lucas Industries**, a similar um better at 295p. **Vickers** were 4 better at 324p after 328p, folowing the news that Saul Steinberg had increased his stake in the company to 6·6 p.c.

In electricals, the main talking point was Brammer's £40 million takeover bid for Energy Services. **Brammer** eased 10 to 304p while **Energy Services** firmed 10 to 107p. **Micro Focus** recouped 50of the previous day's 300p fall to close at 350p but profit-takers moved in on **Cable & Wireless** and left the final quote 2 5lower at 575p.

Stores were wanted and **Freemans** put on 8 to 220p while fellow mail order group **Grattan** also attracted support and moved 6 higher to 220p. **Milletts Leisure** rose 5 to 168p in front of the results due next Thursday.

Speculative demand put **Peters Stores** 7 up at 85p, while continued takeover talk spurred **Debenhams** 4 higher to 510p.

Textile concern **Lincroft Kilgour** jumped 13 to 170p on Peter de Savary increasing his stake in the company to 15·84 p.c., while vague bid talk lifted **Nottingham Manufacturing** 12 to 212p.

In buildings, **Ruberoid** fell 12 to 198p following the cautious outlook for the opening half while **F. J. C. Lilley** gave up 5 to 63 on a brokers "sell" circular. In contrast, buyers came for **Higgs and Hill**, 15p higher at 375p and **Tarmac**, 4p up at 572p.

Banks were a dull market with **Lloyds** 9 off at 583p, particularly hit on worries over Argentine debt problems. Life assurance issues were also easier and **Legal and General** lost 13 to 695p while the **Prudential** gave up 10 to 680p. Elsewhere, **C. E. Heath** firmed 14 to 612 on further favourable comment on its results but **Commercial Union** slipped 4 to 220p.

Oils were a nervous market on the possibility of lower crude oil prices. **British Petroleum**, reacted 8 to 545p, still reflecting some disappointment with the recent quarterly figures.

Elsewhere in the market, **F. H. Tompkins** rose 10 to 184p, the good profits and dividend forecast offsetting the proposed £11·7 million rights issue while there was solid investment support for **Cookson Group**, up 27 to 687p, and for **B E T**, 10 higher at 308p.

March industry output highest for five years

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

BRITISH INDUSTRY output picked up smartly in March to reach its highest levels for five years. This was partly due to higher energy production, including some recovery in coal output as the miners' strike came to an end. But manufacturing industry also boosted production to a five-year high after marking time for much of the autumn and winter.

Output of the production industries (energy and manufacturing) jumped by 1·9 p.c. in March, according to provisional figures from the Central Statistical Office and by 2·2 p.c. between the fourth quarter of last year and the first quarter of this.

Manufacturing output rose by 1·4 p.c. in March, an increase in the first quarter of 0.8 p.c.

Industrial production is now back to levels of late 1979 and, without the depressing influence of the coal dispute, would be close to its pre-recession peak reached in spring that year.

The CSO estimates that loss of coal production, which normally accounts for about 4 p.c. of the total, may have knocked some 3 p.c. from overall output in the first quarter, compared with 3·5 p.c. in the final quarter of 1984.

Abstracting from the effects of the strike industrial production may have grown by an underlying 3·5 p.c. or so over the past year, more than double the 1·5 p.c. recorded.

Factory output, which has been little affected by the strike, was up nearly 3 p.c. in the year to the first quarter to levels last seen in the spring of 1980.

It is now some 10 p.c. above the nadir touched in early 1981 but manufacturing industry is still producing nearly 10 p.c. less than before the downswing began.

Total industrial production, which stands about 3·5 p.c. below the pre-recession levels, has been boosted by booming North Sea oil and gas activity.

Output of investment goods, though little changed in the first quarter, has risen by 4·3 p.c. over the past year in response to buoyant capital spending by British industry.

However, industry continues to buy much of its capital equipment abroad with imports of capital goods up 16 p.c. over the same period.

On a brighter note, domestic production of consumer goods, up 3·4 p.c. in the past year, has more than kept pace with imports. But production of intermediate goods has fallen slightly.

The latest survey by the Confederation of British Industry suggests some acceleration in manufacturing output over the coming months to meet lengthening domestic and export order books, with some stabilisation of employment levels.

Despite the improvement in output manufacturing employment fell by 27,000 in the first quarter because productivity grew still faster, by 1·1 p.c. This followed a fall of 1 p.c. in the fourth quarter.

Brammer offer values Energy at £40m

By RA TICKEL

BRAMMER, the industrial, electrical and electronic components distribution specialist, has stepped in with a £40 million share offer for Energy Services & Electronics, only days after the electronic equipment rental group successfully defeated an "unwelcome" £35 million bid from Peek Holdings by the narrowest of margins.

Brammer's offer, 35 of its shares for every 100 Energy ordinary, is worth just under 107p-a-share with its shares closing 9 lower at 305p. Energy ended 10 higher at 107p.

John Head, Brammer's chairman, said Energy was identified as a possible target about a year ago after looking at the laboratory and research and development servicing market as an area for future expansion.

Plans, where delayed, however, after Brammer looked like becoming a target itself when Bunzl, the pulp and paper merchant, took a near 5 p.c. stake but later decided the profit on its holdings was more interesting than the investment. Then Peek arrived on the scene.

Mr Head admitted he was "very surprised" Peek came as close as it did to achieving its goal—it won acceptances in respect of 49·7 p.c. of Energy's equity—and decided to act immediately on his return from a trip to Canada on Thursday.

Brammer had hoped to agree an offer with Energy but "with so much stock floating around after the Peek bid" and other companies also believed to be interested, Mr Head decided to act without consulting Energy first.

Highlighting the availability of Energy stock, Kleinwort Benson, Brammer's merchant bankers, was able to pick up 14·98 p.c. of the company's shares yesterday at up to 105$^1_2$p-a-share.

Energy Services advise shareholders to take no action.

Minister warns over telephone touting

By BARBARA CONWAY

A GOVERNMENT Minister is warning the tens of thousands of new investors brought into share-holding by issues such as British Telecom and British Aerospace not to let themselves be talked into making highly-speculative investments by high-pressure selling.

The warning, from corporate and consumer affairs minister Alex Fletcher, comes after many of those investors have been declared fair game for telephone sales of unlisted over-the-counter stocks by some firms of licensed dealers.

Mr Fletcher told THE DAILY TELEGRAPH that people whose only investment experience in shares was the British Telecom offer clearly should not be encouraged into the over-the-counter market which inevitably involves greater risks.

"I deplore high-pressure sales techniques which take no account of the individual circumstances and experience of these new investors and ignore the duty of the responsible dealer towards his clients," he said.

The National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers, the major trade association for licensed dealers, does not permit its members to "cold-call" potential clients or to treat members of the public as *bona fide* clients to be called with advice if they have done only one deal, such as in B T, with the firm.

But the largest firm of dealers in the country, Harvard Securities, takes the view that such clients can properly be telephoned and urged to invest in over-the-counter stocks.

Harvard chairman Tom Wilmot, whose company has taken on up to 20,000 new clients because of the B T issue, states that this is in no sense cold-calling and that most of his clients are likely to benefit from the advice.

One of the main difficulties for the D T I in enforcing the veto on cold-calling by the licensed dealing rules is that its only sanction is to remove the licence entirely. Since that, in any sizeable firm, would mean leaving many innocent investors stranded with nowhere to trade their over-the-counter stocks, this is very rarely used.

Money-go-Round—P22

Discount rate hopes enliven Wall Street

By JAMES SRODES in Washington

STRENGTH in technology stocks and continuing hopes for a Federal Reserve discount rate cut propelled Wall Street's share prices forward yesterday.

Reiterating a prediction he has made in recent weeks, Wall Street guru Henry Kaufman said that he expected the Fed to cut its discount rate soon. The Fed is expected to trim half a point off its discount rate, the rate at which it lends money to member banks. The discount rate has been at 8 p.c. since last December.

The Dow Jones Industrial overage, which has bounced eratically in recent days when strong midday gains succumbed to late afternoon sell-offs.

A late spurt of buying spurred the Dow to close 7·29 higher at 1285·54.

Only cloud on Wall Street's horizon centred in Maryland, where legislators met to consider measures to resolve the state's building society crisis.

The state's 101 privately-insured building societies have remained under state control since earlier this week when Governor Harry Hughes was forced to take emergency action to step a deposit run. Among the proposals being considered by Maryland lawmakers is a proposal backed by the governor that would set a temporary state insurance pool for the affected institutions.

● The pound in New York closed at $1·2660 against $1·2600.

SATURDAY COMMENT

By Andreas Whittam Smith

Sterling and pay share blame for inflation leap

THE SUDDEN acceleration of inflation to 6·9 p.c. in the 12 months ending April 16 does not indicate, according to Mr King, Secretary for Employment, "any general upsurge in prices." He still expects the rate to fall back again "significantly" towards the end of the year.

And, in a speech given yesterday in Leicester, Mr Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said pugnaciously: "I see no reason at this stage to alter the Budget forecast of an overall inflation figure of around 5 p.c. by the end of the year and lower still in 1986." Are ministers whistling in the dark?

The jump in the inflation rate has two causes. The familiar one is the depreciation of sterling during the winter, which had a direct impact on raw material prices.

Thus the cost of materials and fuels purchased by manufacturing industry had risen by 9·5 p.c. in the year to March and this has since been passed on to consumers. But the subsequent recovery in the pound quickly alleviated the situation, leaving the annual increase at a more bearable 6 p.c. in the year to April.

The indirect effect of the sterling crisis — the February hike in interest rates — has been more potent. It led to higher mortgage rates, a major expense in most households. The Government calculates that these accounted for 1·5 percentage points of the 6·9 p.c. increase in the retail price index.

Unfortunately, the building societies are still failing to attract savings on a sufficient scale to allow them to reduce their rates. Their net receipts in April were £507 million, compared with £214 million in March. Yet the present level of mortgage demand implies that the monthly inflow should be running at £800 million. Mortgage rates, therefore, are likely to remain high until August at the earliest.

The second cause of the jump in inflation is more worrying. It results from the persistence of wage settlements at 6·5 to 7 p.c. per annum combined with smaller improvements in productivity than were recorded in the early stages of the recovery from recession.

The upshot is that wages and salaries per unit of output in manufacturing industry rose by 5·7 p.c. in the first quarter compared with a year earlier. During 1984 the annual increases in unit wage costs were running at a more reassuing 4 p.c. or so and in 1983 there was only a fractional rise.

Now the danger is that the mere publication of monthly inflation rates nearer 7 p.c. than 5 p.c. will stimulate higher wage demands. There is already some evidence that this has happened anyway.

Nor do the other factors look particularly hopeful. Sterling has behaved well enough in recent weks, though at any moment a weakening of oil prices could undermine favourable sentiment in the foreign exchange markets. It is difficult to escape the conclusion, then, that the Government is banking on a significant cut in mortgage rates by the autumn. That remains probable, but it is by no means certain.

Catalogue of collapse

WE SHALL have to trust the Americans. They are remarkably unflapped by the persistent dribble of news items announcing the collapse of small financial institutions. I publish below the complete series:

March 4: A Florida government securities trader, E S M Government Securities Inc. is closed because fraud is discovered. Among its creditors are savings banks in Ohio. Total losses $350 million.

March 15: Governor of Ohio is forced to close 71 privately insured savings and loan institutions after a run on one of E S M's customers, Home State, spreads to similar institutions.

April 8: Bevill, Bresler, another government securities trader, files for bankruptcy. Savings and loan institutions again among the creditors including two in Maryland, Merritt Commercial Savings and Old Court Savings and Loan. Total losses $200 million.

April 10: Brokers Capital of Chicago and its futures affiliate, First Lasalle Services Inc, halt operations because of losses in Bevill, Bresler collapse.

April 15: Small Arkansas securities trader, Collins Securities, closes operations as a result of losses resulting from Brokers Capital's demise.

May 6: Parr Securities closed on charges of fraud. It owes $16 million to seven banks but has only $750,000 in assets.

May 11: Maryland officials place Old Court Savings under state control after deposit run. Merritt Savings suffers same fate.

May 14: Governor of Maryland forced to place state's 101 privately insured savings and loan institutions under state control and limit withdrawals to $1,000 a month.

The Ohio panic led to sharp fall in the value of the dollar but subsequent upsets have had scarcely any impact. Americans argue that the sums of money involved are small. They say that government securities traders have been insufficiently regulated but this weakness in the system will rapidly be put right.

A problem with privately insured savings and loan institutions is admitted however; Federal insurance will quickly be provided. In any case the Federal Reserve system and the United States Treasury between them would ecurities...'...ttc-cancerwouldnev e never let a major institution collapse. Thus reassured, it is still worth keeping a weather eye open.

"I've only just got back from Ohio."

The City pages on Monday

IN Monday's City pages David Howell, M P, looks at the now fading era of high energy prices and the implications for a coherent national energy strategy.

A new name is stepping into an old take-over bid. David Brewerton reveals all in Monday's Questor column.

From the United States Edward Atorino, Wall Street's leading analyst on the broadcasting industry, talks to James Srodes about the takeover battles now raging in that sector.

In the Mining column Colin Campbell takes a 'look' at platinum and its investment attractions.

There are 40 lawsuits pending against computer suppliers, as customers run out of patience with excuses and inadequate installations. On Monday Michael Becket explains what goes wrong and how to prevent problems.

IN Economic Commentary Frances Williams questions the government's "hands-off" approach to the future of manufacturing industry in the years of declining oil production.

Expand base says Scholey

THE TOTAL equity capital directly employed on the whole of the Stock Exchange is about equal to that of just one of the leading American firms, S. G. Warburg's joint chairman, David Scholey told the National Association of Pension Funds Conference in Harrogate yesterday.

The new London market structure will therefore require a substantially greater capital base than its predecessor.

In the United States, the capital employed in the New York market went up from $3 billion to $16 billion in the 10 years from May 1975, and the top 10 firms increased their share of the capital from one third to two thirds largely as a result of mergers.

But the number of firms in the New York market has actually risen slightly since the American version of the "big bang" as has the number of analysts. Mr Michael Johnson, president of Paine Webber Inc. told the conference.

Commission has fallen from 50 p.c. to 20 p.c. of brokers' income but the gap has been more than filled by new products and services. Pension fund managers have multiplied but small specialised firms have actually outperformed the large companies with small unspecialised firms the main losers.

Treasury issues £400m taplets

THE government yesterday announced £400 million of index-linked taplets to help meet its funding requirements.

The taplets consist of £100 million of 2 p.c. index-linked Treasury stock 1990; £150 million of 2$^1_2$ p.c. index-linked Treasury stock 2001 and £150 million of 2$^1_2$ p.c. index-linked Treasury stock 2011.

U.S. RATES

Federal funds	8$^1_2$ p.c.	(8$^1_4$ p.c.)
Treas. 3-month bills	7·43-7·38	(7·36-7·33)
Long bonds	$103	($102·20)
Yield	11·01 p.c.	(11 p.c.)

FT—ACTUARIES INDICES

Industrial Group	655·08	(−2·81)
"500"	699·32	(−3·56)
All—Share	637·91	(−3·01)

Julien favourite to head Midland Bank

By ANNE SEGALL

MICHAEL JULIEN, Midland Bank's dynamic finance director, has emerged as a frontrunner for the job of chief executive when the present chief, Geoffrey Taylor, retires in two years.

Mr Julien, recruited from industry to put Midland's finances in order after its disastrous involvement with Crocker National Bank of California, would be the first non-banker to head a major clearing bank.

Speculation on Mr Julien's future follows the announcement yesterday that he is to widen his responsibilties at Midland to include the bank's administration, taking in such functions as running the personnel, premises and group management services operations.

He is to assume the new title of Director, Group Finance and Administration. Mr Julien is associated with Midlands' bold decision a year ago to assert control over Crocker by buying out the minority shareholders. He has also launched a drive to rehabilitate Midland's shattered finances by raising new money and selling off unwanted trade investments.

Its plan to increase the stake in Crocker from 57 p.c. to 100 p.c. faces two crucial tests next week when Crocker's minority shareholders and Midland's own shareholders are due to vote on the issue. The Crocker vote takes place on Tuesday followed by an extraordinary general meeting at Midland on Thursday.

The determination to make a success of Crocker was also revealed yesterday by the decision to give John Brooks, the deputy group chief executive, the task of seeing through its integration within the Midland group.

It has already told shareholders that if they approve the move to total control at Crocker, the bank will make an all-out effort "to improve the overall effectiveness, of the Midland group, including Crocker, in world markets, to strengthen the financial stance of Crocker."

Kleinwort $100m perpetual bond

KLEINWORT Benson yesterday became the first merchant bank to take advantage of new Bank of England rules with a $100 million perpetual bond.

The bond, which is closely modelled on those already issued by several major clearing banks, is being managed by Credit Suisse First Boston.

Interest is payable on a six monthly basis at a margin of $^3_8$ p.c. over the London interbank offered rate for funds.

Kleinwort said its bonds would count as primary capital, providing a major boost to the bank's capital ratios. Disclosed shareholders' funds at the last count were £255 million.

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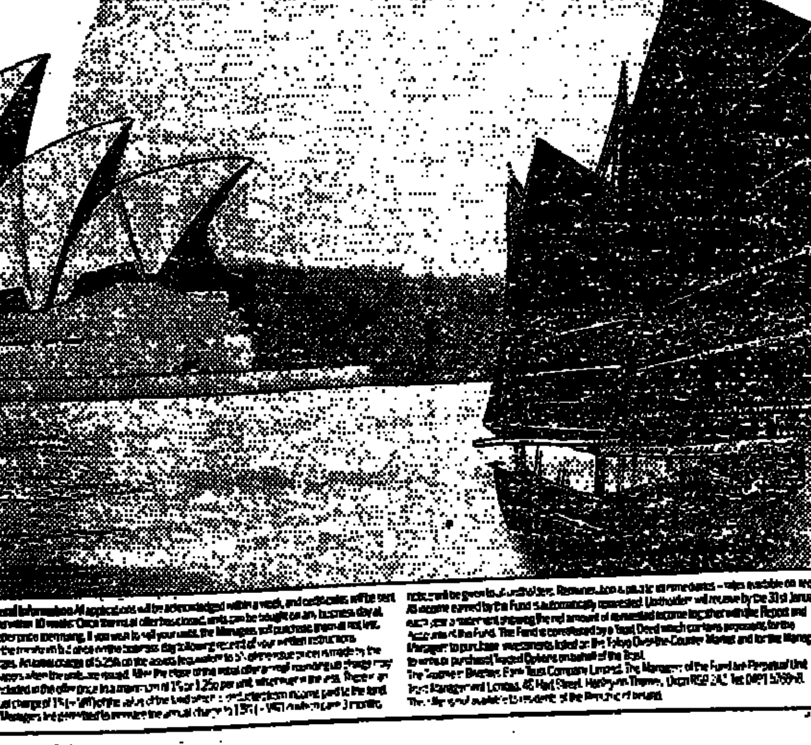

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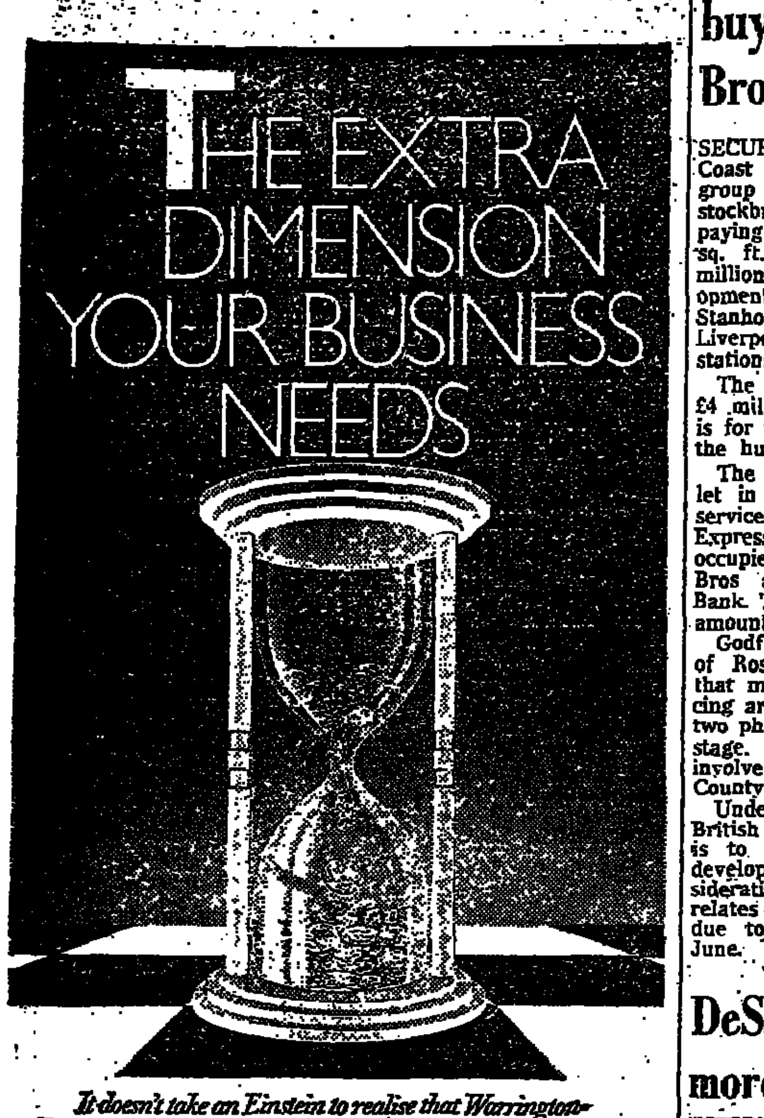

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Security Pacific buys offices in Broadgate plan

SECURITY PACIFIC, the West Coast of America banking group with a 29·9 p.c. stake in stockbrokers Hoare Govett, is paying £27 a sq. ft. for 150,000 sq. ft. of offices in the 1·1 million sq. ft. Broadgate development by Rosehaugh and Stanhope Securities at London's Liverpool and Broad Street stations.

The total rent is in excess of £4 million a year. The letting is for the whole of phase I of the huge project.

The entire second phase was let in March to the financial services arm of American Express, and will be principally occupied by Shearson Lehman Bros and American Express Bank. The rent for that letting amounts to some £7·4 million.

Godfrey Bradman, chairman of Rosehaugh, said yesterday that medium term bank financing arrangements for the first two phases are at an advanced stage. These are believed to involve a consortium led by County Bank.

Under the agreement with British Rail, some £75 million is to be paid by the joint developers. Of that total consideration, some £27·3 million relates to the first two phases due to start construction in June.

DeSavary buys more Lincroft

INTERNATIONAL financier Peter de Savary has increased his holding in Savile Row tailor Lincroft Kilgour to 15·84p.c.

Mr de Savary, who emerged with an 8·6p.c. holding and opposed the introduction of an executive share option scheme at the company's annual meeting in March, acquired his new shares in a private transaction from Cedco Holdings, whose stake is reduced to 16·59p.c.

David Holland, Lincroft's financial director, said he had been in touch with the Stock Exchange and was quiet happy that Mr de Savary, Cedco and Skylark—a Panamanian company run by a business associate of Mr de Savary which owns 14·9p.c.—were not acting in concert.

COMPANIES

F. H. Tomkins

F. H. TOMKINS, the industrial holding company where Gregory Hutchings is chief executive, is calling on holders for some £11·7m net via a two-for-seven rights issue at 105p.

The board estimates that pre-tax profits for the year ended May 4 were more than £5·25m (£2·37m) and earnings over 8p (6·124p).

A 1·475p final will be paid in October on the old capital, making 2·25p (£1·80p).

The balance sheet at May 4 was strong and the group aims for growth from developing existing businesses and additional permanent capital, it says, is essential.

Reliant Motor

THE FORESHADOWED first half pre-tax loss at Reliant Motor at £598,000 (loss £25,000) is more than the group anticipated and is principally due to increased development and production costs on the Scimitar S S 1, coupled with a shortfall on Rialto sales because of the miners' strike.

The spring sales launch of the Scimitar S S 1 meant significant spending with very little corresponding income but chairman John Nash says the group is over the introductory "hump" and it is producing 40 a week.

He anticipates the group position will stabilise in the second half and that it will once more trade profitably.

There is a loss per share of 10·8p (1ps 0·5p) and again no interim.

Korea Bank

THE Korea Exchange Bank is to issue £50m of floating rate notes due 1995.

The issue will be affected through an international syndicate of underwriters led by S. G. Warburg and Lloyds Bank International.

The notes will be in denominations of £5,000 and £50,000. The bank is the largest licensed foreign exchange bank in Korea.

Executex Clothes

IN RESTRUCTURING its finances, Executex Clothes is selling two properties in Leeds, one leasehold and the other freehold, for a total of £710,000 cash. It is also planning to increase borrowing powers from around £290,000 to £1·45m to facilitate expansion.

Profits in the first two months of the year, meanwhile are ahead of target.

Seaco

SEACO, the leisure, property and retailing group whose interests include the Venice-Simplon Orient Express and a string of top hotels formerly owned by British Rail, yesterday reported net profit of £414,000 for the first quarter of this year compared with a £1·59m, loss a year earlier.

The winter season is normally a loss-maker, with profits coming in the summer.

IN BRIEF

Westpac Banking Corporation: First half operating profit A$358·5m (A$269·5m). Profit attributable to ordinary holders A$185·4m (A$143·5m). Gross income A$2,810m (A$2,340m). Eps 36·9c (36·1c). Interim dividend again 15c. Current level of profitability should be maintained in second half.

West Bromwich Spring: Full year pre-tax profit £7,000 (loss £276,000) after exceptional item nil (£69,000) and interest charge of £51,000 (£52,000). Turnover £5·9m (£4m). Lps 1·05p (1ps 5·52p) after taking into account the undeclared cumulative preference dividend. Again no dividend.

Synterials—First half pre-tax profit £528,000 (loss £29,000), including interest received £863,000 (£851,000). Eps 0·25p (loss 0·04p).

Yorklyde: Full year pre-tax profit £1·8m (£1·27m). Turnover £6·22m (£4·95m). Eps 25·8p (16·5p). Final dividend 3·75p, payable July 11, making 6p (equal to 5p).

Asset Special Situations Trust: Full year pre-tax revenue £159,700 (£129,100). Gross revenue £224,200 (£198,200). Eps 1·1p (0·88p). Nav, excluding final dividend, 48p (41·8p). Final dividend 0·5p making 0·96p (0·88p).

Feb International: Full year pre-tax profit £740,000 (£1·08m). Turnover £28·4m (£25·7m). Eps 7·89p (8·76p). Nav. 70·65p (66·77p). Final dividend 2·0185p payable June 19, making 2·904p (2·84p). Market difficulties encountered towards end 1984 continued into early part of this year. Action being taken.

Radio Clyde: First half pre-tax profit £189,000 (£354,000) after deducting an assumed liability to IBA secondary rental and exchequer levy. Turnover £2·12m (£2·65m). Eps 1·91p (3·28p). Interim dividend again 1·5p, payable July 12. Board says period most difficult yet for independent local radio industry; rationalisation of industry necessary.

CHAIRMEN

President Entertainments — Robert Earl: 1985 and 1986 ill be years of rapid expansion. Trading well ahead of last year in all establishments as are bookings.

Raybeck — Ben Raven: Sales in first few months show an improvement on last year but would be premature to make any forecast as to outcome for year.

Sad lesson for pensions in Kestrel's plunge

SCRUTINEER

By BARBARA CONWAY

LOOPHOLES in the laws covering pension rights have left the victims of the Hill Kestrel pension scheme (Scrutineer last week) from which most of the £1·4 million of transferred funds has now vanished, without any official help or protection.

The Occupational Pensions Board, which had originally issued a contracting-out certificate to the scheme, is pulling out of its action to keep an injunction on the remaining funds, and the official receiver, now acting as liquidator since the company was wound-up on a D T I petition, cannot look after the beneficiaries of the scheme without a request from the Board which has not been forthcoming.

The implications of the Kestrel affair are that anyone who transfers his/her pension into a contracted-out sheeme may be in a similar position if the scheme goes wrong. The Kestrel case itself demonstrates that there is no effective barrier against misuse of such a scheme.

It now appears that nearly £1 million of the pension scheme money was "invested" on the advice of American citizen Don Udell and that attempts to recover any of it have so far been unsuccessful.

The investments made with the benefit of Mr Udell's expertise included several individual loans, including one of £35,000 to himself, and over £300,000 to a mysterious American lady known as Danielle Laborde Hay of Beverley Hills, California.

Mr Udell, who repeatedly claimed that he was about to return the money but somehow failed to so, was last heard of in Spain. Hill Kesteel chairman Andrew Hill is expected shortly to return from the Greek island of Kos. His last address in the United Kingdom was a substantial country house which was also bought, for nearly £200,000, with pension scheme monies.

Indications are that less than £150,000 of the funds went into the insurance policies which Kestrel clients thought they were buying.

A further £150,000 was invested in a company called Osprey Associates, which is also run by Mr Hill who was a trustee of the scheme together with two employees.

But, whatever the oddities of the investment procedure of a scheme which, up to the middle of last year, had a contracting-out certificate from the Occupational Pensions Board, the main question remains over the investors who, believing that they were full protected, may now have lost all their pension monies.

Pensions were transferred for individuals to Kestrel from the company schemes of such eminent concerns as Grand Metropolitan, I B M, I C L, Vickers, Dowty, Barclays and Lloyds Banks and several government departments

In the case of the reader I pension was transferred to Kestrel by the Department of Education and Science, his anxious inquiries to his former employer a few months ago received the reply that the Department had "posed certain standard questions" to Kestrel which received satisfactory answers.

"It was," says the letter from the D E S pensions branch "as a result of the information the in all good faith, proceeded with Department received that we, the transfer of your pensionable service. However, it now transpires that some of the particulars supplied by the Kestrel Consultancy were intentionally misleading."

Costly farewell for Cluff Oil

ASSESSING the results and financial state of an exploration group like Cluff Oil is always pretty complex business, with the company dependent on the developmnt of areas such as its Yellow Sea wells and making hefty pre-tax losses in the meantime.

So it must have been something of a relief to see, together with th document setting out the scheme to simplify th Cluff shore structure, at least one which almost anyone can understand without too much trouble.

I refer to the note in the accounts which shows payment of £91,000 in "compensation for loss of office" as part of the administrative expenses.

Only one director left the board of Cluff, which lost £635,000 pre-tax in the last financial year. That was Roger Rosswick, the former finance director, who resigned a year ago.

Court grants VTC breathing space

UNHAPPY shareholders in over-the-counter stock V T C may take some limited comfort in the fact that their company has escaped, at least for the time being, the threat of a compulsory winding-up.

An adjourned court hearing of the petition this week gave the company until October to arrange refinancing and extract itself from its current troubles.

Shareholders can expect to hear from the board with restructuring plans soon.

Backing for the reform measures

LEADING jobbers Wedd Durlacher and several firms which have already done outside ownership deals with non-Stock Exchange bodies have been sending letters to all members and associate members "encouraging" them to vote in favour of reform measures proposed by the Council.

As yet nobody has openly commited the gaffe of asking members to show the partners how they are voting in the secret ballot announced by the Council on Monday. But, as one associate member of a major broking firm put it to me, "they're hinting pretty damn strongly that they'd like to know."

THE DEPARTMENT of Trade and Industry yesterday succeeded in its petition to have Bloomsode Ltd, which issued thousands of warranties for electrical goods after losing its underwriting cover, wound-up in the High Court. The order was made "in the public interest."

TOURIST RATES

Australia	1·83½ dollars
Austria	26·75 schillings
Belgium	77·00 francs
Canada	1·71½ dollars
Denmark	13·82 kroner
Finland	8·06 markkaa
France	11·68 francs
Germany	3·82 marks
Greece	*163·00 drachma
Holland	4·32 guilders
Iceland	*50·00 kronur
Ireland	1·22½ punt
Israel	1,200 shekel
Italy	*2,450 lira
Japan	315 yen
Malta	0·58½ pounds
New Zealand	2·78 dollars
Norway	11·07 kroner
Portugal	*210·00 escudos
South Africa	*2·90 rand
Spain	*212·50 pesetas
Sweden	11·14 kronor
Switzerland	3·19 francs
Turkey	590·00 lira
United States	1·25½ dollars
Yugoslavia	*309·00 dinars

Rates indicate approximate foreign currency bank notes obtainable for sterling in Britain.
*Subject to limit.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL MARKETS

Rudolf Wolff Report

COPPER: Steady. Wire Bars: Off Settlement £1,187 (£1,201). Off Midday Cash £1,186-£1,187. 3 Months £1,188-£1,183. After Close Cash £1,186-£1,187. 3 Months £1,190-£1,190·50. T/O: 18,075 Tonnes. Cathodes: Quiet. Off Settlement £1,177 (£1,195). Off Midday Cash £1,176-£1,177. 3 Months £1,176-£1,177. After Close Cash £1,179-£1,181. 3 Months £1,178-£1,181. T/O: 550 Tonnes.

TIN: Steadier. Off Settlement £9,548 (£9,565). Off Midday Cash £9,546-£9,548. 3 Months £9,510-£9,511. After Close Cash £9,560-£9,570. 3 Months £9,520-£9,525. T/O 1,075 Tonnes.

LEAD: Steady but Quiet. Off Settlement £295·50 (£298). Off Midday Cash £295-£295·50. 3 Months £301-£301·50. After Close Cash £255-£255. 3 Months £299·50-£300. T/O: 6,275 Tonnes.

ZINC: Steady but quiet. Off settlement £645·50 (£652), Off midday cash £645-£645·50. 3 mths £652-£652·50. After close cash £647-£648. 3 mths £653-£654. T/O 8,650 tonnes.

SILVER: Quiet. Midday cash 510·3p-510·8p. 3 mths. 525·5p-526·0. Aft close cash 512·5p-515·5p. 3 mths 528·5p-529·0p. T/O 50 lots of 10,000oz each.

ALUMINIUM: Steady. Off settlement 877·50 (£892), Off midday cash £877-£877·50. 3 mths £898-£899. Aft close cash £77·50-£878. 3 mths £899-900. T/O 5,875 tonnes.

NICKEL: Steady. Off settlement £4,493 (£4,505). Off midday cash £4,485-£4,495. 3 mths £4,430-£4,435. Aft close cash £4,480-£4,490. 3 mths £4,430-£4,435. T/O 1,464 tonnes.

LONDON SILVER MARKET: Spot 510·90 (517·15). 3 mths 525·75 (532·30). 6 mths 541·35 (547·50). 1 yr 570·35 (572·95).

PLATINUM: Free market £290·75 (£221·10).

LONDON COMMODITY MARKETS

RUBBER: Spot 64-67 (64-67).

SISAL: East African quoted levels. No. 1 Basis $660; No. 3 Long $640. C.I.F., Antwerp prices.

SUGAR: London daily price raws £67. $84. No. 6 contract. $ per tonne. Aug. 92·60-92·80. Oct. 95·40-95·80. Dec. 101-101·40. March 113·60-113·80. May 118-118·20. Aug. 125·60-124·40. Oct. 128·60-130. T/O 1,253 lots.

COFFEE. £ per ton: May 2045; July 2091; Sept. 2135; Nov. 2169; Jan. 2205; March 3190. Sales 1,224.

COCOA. E. D. + F. Man (Cocoa) Report (£ Per Tonne) Closing Prices: May 1767 Sell. 1760 Buy: July 1786-1785; Sept 1776-1775; Dec 1752-1750; March 1760-1759; May 1771-1770; July 1780-1778. Sales 3,131. Options 9.

SOYA MEAL: Slightly easier. June £125·80-£125·50. Aug. £130-£130·50. Oct. £122·50-123. Dec. £128·90-£128·50. Feb. £133-£133·50. April £134-£135·50. June £134-£135·50. T/O 170 lots.

GAS OIL FUTURES

June 215-14·75. July 215·75-15·50. Aug. 215·25-15. Sept. 217·25-16·75. Oct. 220-17·50. Nov. 223·50. Dec. 237·22. Jan. 250-20. Feb. 251-20. Total volume 619. Premier Man.

CRUDE OIL

Rotterdam spot Crude Oil prices in $: Arab Light 26·80. Dubai 25·30. Arab Heavy 25·40. North Sea (Forties) 26·40. North Sea (Brent) 26·45. Nigerian Bonny Medium 26.30.

LONDON GRAIN MARKETS

HGCA: Locational ex-farm spot prices and change on last week. Eastern: Feed wheat 120·60, down 230. feed barley 115·50, down 100. East Midlands: Feed wheat 119·30, down 190. NE: Feed barley 114·00, up 70. Scotland: Feed barley 112·70, down 70.

BARLEY. £ per ton: May 112·50; Sept. 99; Nov. 103·55; Jan. 106·10; March 109·28. Wheat "R" £ per ton: May 117·95; July 120·75; Sept. 99·90; Nov. 103·20; Jan 106·70.

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LIVE PIGS (Gafta): Pence per kilo. June 103·70. July 96. Aug. 96. Sept. 98·30. Oct. 100·50. Nov. 101·50. Jan. 95. Feb. 94·50. March 95. April 94·50. May 94. T/O Nil.

PIGMEAT (Gafta): Pence per kilo. June 109·40. Aug. 102. Oct. 107. Nov. 107·10. Feb. 99·30. April 100·30. T/O 100 lots

POTATOES (Gafta): May 560. Nov. 664·10. Feb. 679. April 685·50. May 690·30. T/O 371 lots of 40 tonnes each.

COVENT GARDEN

Vegetables lb: Root artichoke 30, aubergine 40, asparagus 100-160, sprouting broccoli 15, cabbages 200, French beans 80-100, [illegible] 50, green cabbage 30-[illegible] 7. Eng. [illegible] 11-[illegible]. French 25, other imported 20-25, [illegible] 40, [illegible] 35. mange-touts 250. mushroom 30-70. onions 7-14, swedes & parsnips 6-7. peas 40-50, green capsicums 20, red 150. old potatoes 5-8, imported new 8-14, Eng. & Jersey 25-30, spinach: Eng. 18, French 40, turnips 23. Each: Globe artichoke 25, cauli 20-38, sweetcorn 30.

Salad lb: Chicory 50, raw beetroot 18, cooked 25, Chinese leaf 40, parsley 40, tomatoes 20-32, beef 40. Each: Celery 15-30, cucumber 25-40, lettuce 15-20, cos 16-24, Iceberg 45-50. Per bunch: Radish 15-30, spring onion 10-12, watercress 16, mustard & cress 7.

Fruit lb: Eating apples 10-30, cookers 8-15, bananas 30-32, cherries 300, grapes 45-65, rhubarb 4-6, strawberries 120-160, watermelon 30. Each: Ogen melon 20-50, honeydew melon 80-120, avocado 30-35, coconut 27, grapefruit 13-20, Kiwi 12-20, lemons 3-9, mangoes 30-60, oranges 3-16, pink grapefruit 30, tangerines 10, pineapples 50-125, peaches 14-25.

LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices yesterday: GB: Cattle 100·38p kg lw (+0·55); sheep 214·03p kg est DCW (−16·03); pigs 78·89p kg lw (−4·87). England and Wales: Cattle Nos. up 7·0 p.c., ave. price 100·00p (+1·12); sheep Nos. up 13·2 p.c. ave price 214·39p (−16·18); pig Nos. up 5·9 p.c. ave price 78·89p (−4·87). Scotland: Cattle Nos. up 29·8 p.c. ave price 101·15p (−1·25), sheep Nos. up 58·6 p.c. ave price 201·52p (−6·18).

FREIGHT FUTURES

Stronger market led by keen October buying, with increased switching reports Coley and Harper: July 914·0 up 6·5 volume 54. Oct. 960·0 up 18·0 volume [illegible]. [illegible] 60. Jan. 944·0 up 10·0 volume 9. April 1015·0 up 22·5 volume 1. July 955·0 up 7·0. Oct. 1005·0 unch. Jan. 980·0 down 50·0. April 1060·5 down 10·5. Total lots traded 124. Yesterday's B Fi 990·5, down 9·0.

MONEY & EXCHANGES

THE POUND held its own against both the dollar and other major currencies yesterday in what dealers described as extremely thin trading conditions ahead of next week's crucial United States' output figures for the first quarter.

By the close, the pound had edged up from $1·2608 to $1·2647 while its average international value improved from 78·9 to 79·0.

A poor set of inflation figures for Britain failed to upset the pound with investors still said to be attracted by high interest rates in sterling.

The cost of wholesale money in London was unchanged on the day, while the belief that interest rates will remain on their present plateau for some time was reflected in the Treasury bill result.

The rate of discount on Treasury bills at the weekly tender was only marginally changed at 11·9939 p.c. against 11·9928 p.c.

The Bank of England pumped £869 million into the banking system to relieve unexpectedly large cash shortages.

AUSTRALIAN SHARE PRICES

A$ 1985 High	Low	Company	A$ Middle Price	£ Price	Change on week
4·96	4·28	ANZ Banking Group	4·89	2·64	−0·05
2·70	2·09	Ampol Exploration	2·58	1·39	+0·02
2·34	1·85	ACI International	2·34	1·26	+0·01
2·88	2·17	APM Limited	2·88	1·56	−0·04
7·28	4·70	Bell Group	7·28	3·94	−0·05
7·50	4·75	Bell Resources	7·25	3·92	−0·07
3·92	3·45	Brambles	3·78	2·04	−0·15
2·70	2·05	Bridge Oil	2·43	1·31	−0·07
6·55	4·31	Broken Hill Proprietary	6·55	3·54	−0·08
6·78	4·75	CRA	6·59	3·56	−0·03
3·22	2·50	CSR	2·87	1·55	−0·06
4·21	3·62	Coles G. J.	3·76	2·03	−0·06
3·30	3·10	Elders IXL	3·05	1·65	−0·04
3·28	2·90	Hardie (James) Inds.	3·22	1·74	−0·07
1·81	1·30	Hooker Corp.	1·61	0·87	−0·06
2·22	1·85	ICI Australia	2·05	1·11	−0·04
7·36	5·10	Lend Lease	7·36	3·98	+0·24
3·42	2·20	MIM Holdings	3·42	1·85	−0·04
3·40	2·82	Mayne Nickless	3·27	1·77	−0·07
2·03	1·65	Myer Emporium	1·95	1·05	+0·02
4·33	3·37	National Aust. Bank	4·33	2·34	+0·08
8·04	3·50	News	7·73	4·18	−0·32
2·20	1·55	Nicholas Kiwi	1·93	1·04	−0·04
2·75	1·90	North Broken Hill	2·65	1·43	−0·10
1·04	0·62	Oakbridge	1·00	0·54	−0·01
2·45	2·10	P & O Australia	2·18	1·10	−0·13
1·90	1·53	Pioneer Concrete	1·74	0·94	−0·01
1·68	1·06	QCT	1·68	0·91	
5·58	3·25	Renison Goldfields	5·58	3·02	+0·02
6·60	5·02	Santos	6·25	3·38	−0·11
2·11	1·72	Thomas Nationwide Transport	1·99	1·08	+0·02
4·50	2·67	Western Mining Corporation	4·35	2·35	−0·06
4·14	3·33	Westpac	4·14	2·24	−0·01
1·60	0·77	Woodside Petroleum	1·60	0·86	−0·03
3·82	3·10	Wormald International	3·58	1·94	−0·06

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BLACK MARKS FOR THE BLACK HORSE

You can do it with Sir Nathaniel, Lady Hilary and their ofspring; you can take a Griffin or a SuperSaver there; but it would be wrong to say that you can take a Black Horse anywhere.

This article is mainly of interest to childrene, who since last month have had to suffer the compulsory deduction of income tax from their savings accounts — even though they would not normally be liable for the tax.

But there is a way round this reduction in their interest if they take their accounts outside the United Kingdom tax area.

...That may sound like turning children into high-flying whiz-kids, but there's no need to start worrying about the Cayman Islands or Panama, never mind how to spell Liechtenstein: it is possible to open exactly the same Midland or Natwest or Barclays savings accounts that the children have here, in places as close by as Jersey, Guernsey of the Isle of Man.

As younger readers probably recognised, Sir Nathaniel and Lady Hilary are two of the porcelain pigs that National Westminster gives to loyal savers in its Piggy account. Woody, Annabel and Maxwell are their children. Griffin is the Midland's fabulous beast, and Black Horse Young Savers are little Lloyds customers.

But Lloyds has decided to differ from its three main high-stret rivals with a head office memo to managers telling them not to allow kids to transfer their accounts offshore.

So whereas the Natwest Piggy bank account holder—or his elder sister or brother with an On-line account—can walk into his existing branch anywhere from Land's End to John O'Groats and ask to have the account transferred automatically to Douglas in the Isle of Man or St Helier in Jersey, the Lloyds young savers cannot.

If the Natwest youngster can at present increase the rate of his interest from 8⅝ p.c. to 11½ p.c. by moving, the Black Horse saver is stuck with his mainland 8¾ p.c.

There are owever kBlack Horse Young Savers on these nearby ogshore tax havens, and tey receive 11¼ p.c. interest. Why then does Lloyds refuse to let its customers transfer their savings acounts to more pofitable location? Surely these are the financially astute generation of customers wo they ought to be pleased to have on their books.

"The purpose of these accounts is *intended to develop relationships with these young customers*," explains the bank. "The object is to foster the *banking habit.*"

Lloyds says that it offers a specially high interest rate in mainland Britain ot compensate for the compulsory deduction of tax. Perhaps, but however much higher the Black Horse rate now it is a lot less than available on the Channel Islands of oter offshore havens. And anyway, why pay any tax to the Inland Revenue which is unnecessary?

Now, there can be snags in using an offshore bank, but not many. Clearly, popping in to the branch is not easy—but despite the different tax treatment of a counts, they are entirely compatible with accounts run from the mainland branches. It is no more complex for someone in, say, Leeds keeping his account there if he moves to Nottingham, than the Leeds child moving the account offshore. Transactions can be condented at any other branches of which ever bank is chosen.

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Possibly more important, while the Griffin saver can obtain his free neat sports bag, complete with dictionary, geometry set, etc., when he opens his account offshore, just as he can locally, he may have trouble picking it up. The answer is to open the account locally, get the goodies, and then transfer offshore for the higher interest.

And for the Lloyds young saver, the lesson is to do the opposite. If the account cannot be transferred, simply open an account offshore: if necessary close the existing Lloyds Black Horse account. While the head office memo tells managers not to transfer accounts from the mainland offshore, it does not say that offshore branches have to refuse to open accounts from children here.

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And in case it helps, here are a couple of Lloyds addresses for opening accounts: 9, Broad Street, St Helier, Jersey; Victory House, Prospect Hill, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Richard Northedge

BETTING ON THE WEMBLEY RESULT

THE CUP

Martin Baker explains that football betting is simpler than horse racing wagers.

FOOTBALL is a funny game. Any doubters need only watch television this afternoon where that phrase will fall from deadly serious expert lips approximately once every 20 minutes, *provided the commentators are* on good form. The FA and Scottish Cup finals are being played today, amid the usual *welter of superlatives*, moons and parrots.

But for some there is no fun in counting the commentators' cliches or the number of gold ingots which the managers have strapped to their chests and wrists. According to the bookmakers football is far from being a funny game; it is big business. At least it is on FA Cup day, says Ron Pollard of Ladbroke's.

"It's the one day of the year when racing really makes way for football. The meetings even start in the morning so as not to clash," he says. "I expect we'll take between a quarter and a third of a million, and as we've got about 20 p.c. of the market that's probably something like one and a half million riding on the Cup nationwide."

Or possibly even more. *William Hill* alone estimates that it will take half a million overall on Cup bets.

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We could never recommend that any investor or saver bets —either on today's event or on anything else. But we recognise that there are *those occasional* events when even the normally financially conservative reader likes to have a flutter.

So assuming that you can afford to lose, how do you do it? Football betting is a lot simpler than the dark mathematical wizardry involved in some racehorse wagers. There are no prizes for second best, like an each way bet in racing, and combination bets are unusual. The bet is on individual matches, and either the punter gets it right or he doesn't.

The simplest and most popular bet is on the result, though for the bookies the result means *the score at 90 minutes*. Any scores in extra time do not count. One can bet on who will eventually win the cup, after replays or extra time, but that is not as popular with the public. The odds for a 90-minute win are generally slightly more attractive, as the game may be a draw, a third possibility after win or lose.

If predicting the winners is too easy, there is the option of guessing the first scorer. The odds tend to be longer—there are, after all, 20 outfield players to choose from. It must be the *first* scorer though. A player may score a hat trick, but it means nothing to Hill, Coral and company if the goals are the second, third and fourth of the game.

Should selecting a scorer not appeal, it is easy to have a flutter on the final score. To win the gambler must predict the score after 90 minutes, stipulating, of course, which side will be 3-1 up, or whatever.

All that counts is the score. *The scorer, or the man who* "puts it in the back of the onion bag" if you enjoy your football-spiel, is not important. *The odds here are, like the first* scorer bet, far more exciting than betting on the result.

And don't forget the commentator's gem that "the game was one of two halves, a first and a second." There is money to be made from a correct prediction of who will be winning at half time and ninety minutes. Because the bet is in two halves, it has longer odds. Both must be right to win, and it is the closest football betting comes to a racing style "double."

Commentators' clichés will flow . . . and so will the bets . . .

Whatever your bet—result, first scorer, final score or half and full time prediction—do not forget to pay tax on your stake in the betting shop.

Betting tax of 10 p.c. is payable on all *wins*, unless tax was paid on the stake when the bet was made. If you don't pay tax you may well lose out. For example, an evens bet of £5 *with no tax paid will yield* the £5 stake, plus £5 win, £10. Less tax at 10 p.c. leaves £9.

But an evens bet of £4·50 with tax paid on the stake will cost £4·50, plus 10 p.c. tax, of 45 *pence. The stake then is* £4·95, but the return is the same as the £5 no tax paid bet, £9.

If the odds are longer the arithmetic becomes more dramatic. It is easy to work out whether it is preferable to pay 10 p.c. of a £1 stake, or £19 winnings if your 18-1 scorer gets the first goal. Essentially by paying the betting tax you are gambling with the Exchequer that you will win.

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OVER-THE-COUNTER OVER THE PHONE

INVESTMENT

Barbara Conway signals a timely warning to small investors.

WHEN the Government embarked on its policy of raising money and increasing the number of individual shareholders, one vital factor seems to have been overlooked in the successful campaign to make members of the public rush into British Telecom and British Aerospace.

The problem is that thousands of small first-time investors, thinking that a share is something like BT which is fairly secure and likely to lead to a very nice short-term profit, have now been induced to put their money in other stocks recommended by the dealers who carried out their B-T transactions. Some are just finding out, and many more will do, that arenas such as the over-the-counter market are very different propositions to the stock market itself.

One of the most notable differences being that O-T-C shares can sometimes be very much easier to buy than to sell.

The O-T-C market involves firms of dealers licensed by the Department of Trade and Industry trading in unlisted stocks by methods ranging from simply matching willing buyers and sellers, to taking the stock on their own books and dealing as a combined broker and jobber. It has played a valuable part in producing development capital for emerging firms over the past two years. But it is a very much higher-risk area than the market operated, and protected, by the Stock Exchange, and for the time being the O-T-C's own regulatory structure is fragmented.

So it seems unfortunate that several such firms have been telephoning people whose only previous dealing with them has been as a result of the Telecom offer and recommending that they buy sundry O-T-C stocks.

Early last month the DAILY TELEGRAPH asked readers to tell of their experiences of such tactics, which come under the general heading of "cold-calling," when individuals are urged, by mail and telephone, to buy securities.

The flood of letters indicated that this areas needs considerably more government attention.

Cold-calling to sell securities is forbidden by the Department of Trade licensed dealing rules, but some firms seem to take a very liberal interpretation. Tom Wilmot, chairman of Harvard Securities which accounted for the vast bulk of the letters, states firmly: "We don't cold-call," but adds that all those who dealt in BT through Harvard are "bona fide clients" and are likely to receive follow-up calls and "recommendations." Harvard is by far the UK's largest firm of licensed dealers.

Further, it offers its monthly newsletter for £2 and includes a card to be returned by the subscriber containing three boxes to be initialled if he wants to be kept informed of new developments, telephoned with "urgent" opportunities, or sent extra information.

"Obviously if they put nothing we can take that as acquiescence," says Mr Wilmot. Thus investors are likely to be telephoned even when they have not given their number on the card.

A very similar system is used by dealers Afcor Investments, where director David Glass says "no, we never cold-call. Of course we do send out mail-shots and if anyone responds to one by filling in the space for a telephone number as well as an address, then that is an invitation to call them." Afcor also phones people who have used the firm only for BT deals.

Only two complaints received related to members of the government-recognised National Association of Security Dealers and Investment Managers, both involving unsolicited mail-shots rather than telephone calls. NASDIM chairman Robin Hodgson, who runs dealers Granville Securities, comments "any unsolicited approaches are ruled out by our own disciplinary code and will be dealt with appropriately.

"No NASDIM member should telephone somebody after only one dealing to recommend stocks unless specifically asked to. If that happens, we would very much like to know about it." NASDIM has over 700 member firms.

The Department of Trade's financial services division, at Sanctuary Buildings, 20, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3DB, would also very much like to hear direct from members of the public who have such complaints about any licensed dealer.

Harvard points out that many of its 24 OTC issues have developed well and may do better. Unfortunately there have already been three major recent upsets: the receivership of computer firm Micromite in January, the controversy surrounding dealings in video company VTC last October before Harvard "suspended" them and, only last week, the revelation of the abrupt departure of founder Michael Carlton from Harvard's showpiece OTC stock, Taddale Investments, which revealed a £4-5 million loss this week against expectations of a profit of over £2 million.

Harvard itself maintains a computerised information system to manage its own markets and sends literature to all new clients. But although it states that CTC stocks are more speculative than ordinary shares, matters such as the possible problems in selling stock are not explained. And the literature gives the clear impression that the British Institute of Dealers in Securities, founded by Harvard and comprising four firms, has similar status to NASDIM. In fact, although BIDS has a constitution and compensation fund, it is not recognised by the Department of Trade as a self-regulatory authority.

The latest Harvard monthly newsletter contains a description of the OTC market, more than half of which comprises encouraging quotations from a recent report on the market by accountants Spicer & Pegler.

The report, it says, "reveals that the market can be 'well regulated,' and does provide a credible alternative to the 'Big Board.'" But it does not add that these friendly comments referred to the *American* OTC markets. In fact, the Spicer & Pegler report comments that there is some unease about the patchy regulation evident so far in the fledgling United Kingdom market.

Harvard claimed over 25,000 clients before the BT flotation and states that the event increased the figure by 20,000. Mr Wilmot acknowledges recent problems but says: "These are new developing companies and the lemons always ripen before the plums.

"Our clients are encouraged to spread the risk around different stocks to minimise it."

Complaints, he says, are "whingeing and whining" and he states that most clients are happy with the service.

"I don't want you to take a one-sided view of the CTC," he says. "It does a very important job, and it is growing fast and helps to create jobs. I don't believe that we have broken the rules, but in any case there is no justification for banning cold-calling.

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TO HEDGE OR NOT TO HEDGE

THE Tokyo exchange has hit a record high, but the unit price of Japanese funds plummeted. Why? Because British investors have joined the ranks of those with burnt fingers from the increasing volatility of the foreign exchange markets.

"The Japanese yen fell by 20 p.c. against sterling in just a few weeks," say Hermione Davies, manager of Guinness Mahon's Global Strategy Japan fund. "That more than cancelled out the gains of the stock market even at its peak."

In other words, the gain in yen-priced shares still left British investors with fewer pounds because of the falling value of the yen worldwide.

But a lower yen need not automatically mean a lower price for Japanese funds. There are safeguards which can be used to protect the British investor. Chief of these is hedging, a form of spreading currency risk into one or more other denominations. It seems that none of the British fund managers used this device to protect their investors. "I'm not aware of anyone having hedged," says Ian Clark, manager of Schoder Tokyo Unit Trust.

The table shows the average performance of funds in the Japanese sector. The figures are offer to offer pricing, and are therefore some 5 p.c. better than investors would receive.

It is difficult to believe these losses reflect a strong stock market.

There is a body of opinion within the industry which says that precautions should be taken against violent currency shifts. Charlie Simpkins manages the Tyndall Japan Unit trust, and he states the company's philosophy: "We believe that currency management is virtually as important as stock management." He looks to anticipate adverse currency trends and hedge against them.

That raises three questions which investors may be asking themselves. First, what the mysterious business of hedging actually entails; secondly, whether investment managers should be hedging now; and thirdly, whether they are in fact doing so.

Japanese unit trusts normally hedge by taking a loan in yen and placing its sterling equivalent on deposit. If the sterling value of the Japanese shares held by the unit trust falls because of weakness in the yen relative to the pound, then the sterling value of the loan to be repaid falls correspondingly too, leaving the value of the units in pounds, unaffected by the currency fluctuation.

If the yen's value improved against the pound however as it was doing until earlier this year, then hedging would mean that the currency gain did not show in the units' sterling price either. Hedging is thus a tool to be used when the pound is strong, but to be avoided when the pound is weak, and managers must take a positive view on the currency therefore.

In practice, even if they do hedge, it is usually only for a fraction of their whole portfolio, so they have only partial protection against sterling's improvement — but lose less if the yen is strong.

Unit trusts are prohibited by law from using less convoluted methods, such as buying and selling currencies outright. The whole process of hedging is seen by many managers as complicated and costly—though it is far less expensive than it was.

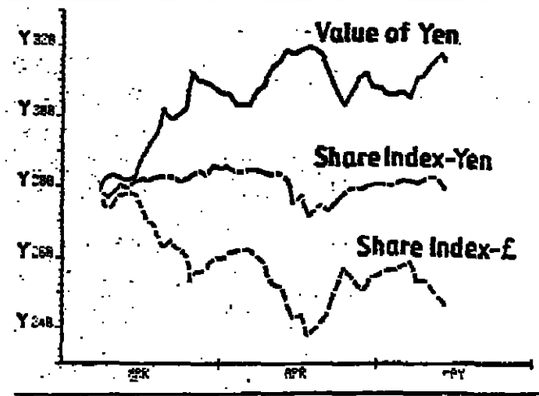
It has recently been possible to borrow yen at 6½ p.c. and receive interest on the sterling deposit at 12 p.c. This means that if the currencies end up at the same rate against each other by the time the loan has expired the hedger will see a 5½ p.c. pro rata return on capital.

But should managers hedge as part of their investment strategy? While all want to make money for their investors, many regard hedging as purely an emergency device.

"Hedging can be critical in the short term, but really we're interested in the stock market in Japan," says Target Japan manager Geoffrey Mieville.

But Denis Clark at Schroder disagrees with hedging, saying that an overseas investment made in the appropriate foreign currency "reduces the investment risk as part of the total portfolio."

To back this up, Mr Clark points to the investment performance of the Tokyo stock exchange index which over the 49 months to the end of last March rose 97 p.c. in yen terms, but double that amount—194 p.c.—in sterling prices. He believes, along with many others that the yen is still a good long-term bet.



But other managers say that to ignore currency movements is to give clients second rate service. Evidence of that is close to hand: the last few weeks have seen American unit trust managers scrambling to protect themselves against a widely predicted weakness in the dollar from its high of $1·03 to the pound.

The Japanese fund manager, just across the dealing room from his American colleague, can claim that as the yen looks good long term, there is no need to hedge.

Ian Clark of Henderson for example, will not be hedging, nor will Robert White of Mercury, except perhaps "for a short term advantage" Pauline Choy at M & G is more specific, saying that the group's Japanese funds will not be hedged for the next three months. She feels the yen is cheap, but is keeping the situation under review.

On the other hand, C. K. Lee at Gartmore has been "thinking very seriously over the last few days of a 30 p.c. initial hedge," possibly going as high as two-thirds of the fund's value later. And Charlie Simpkins at Tyndall admits that although he hedged relatively late in the yen's recent fall, he is thinking of extending his hedge cover because of further danger in the rate.

But overall, only about a quarter of funds are considering hedging.

Perhaps it is because the pound-dollar rate is a more common currency benchmark than the yen that American unit trust managers have been so much more eager to hedge, but it may also be because Japanese share have been so good that managersof funds investing there can aord to absorb some currency loss much more easily than their American colleagues, who have had poor share performance on Wall Street too.

But the sudden downturn in Tokyo share prices last month has made managers there ask the hedging questions seriously too.

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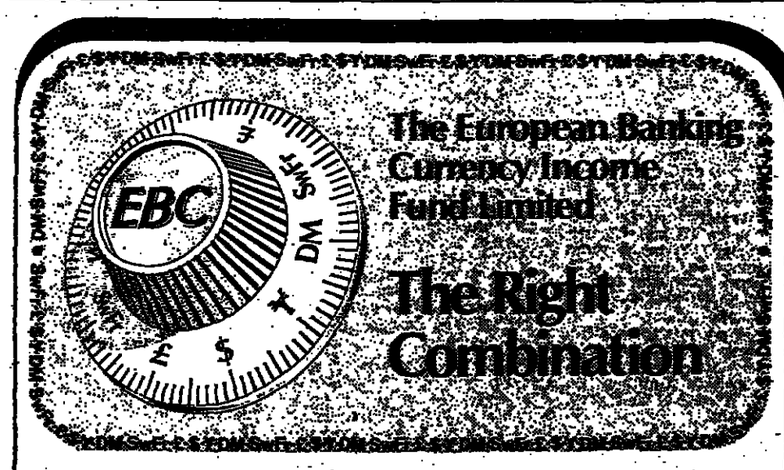

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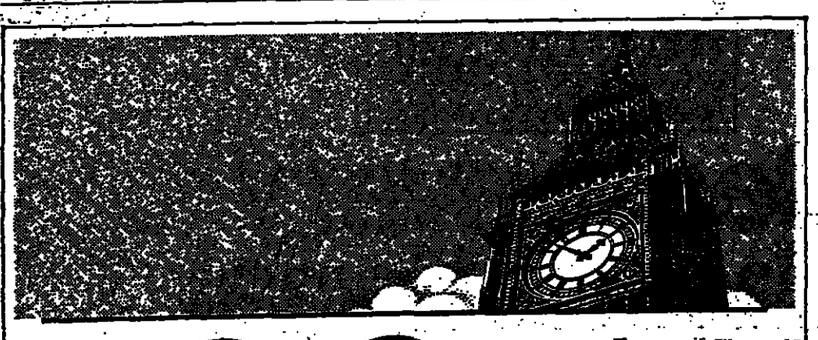

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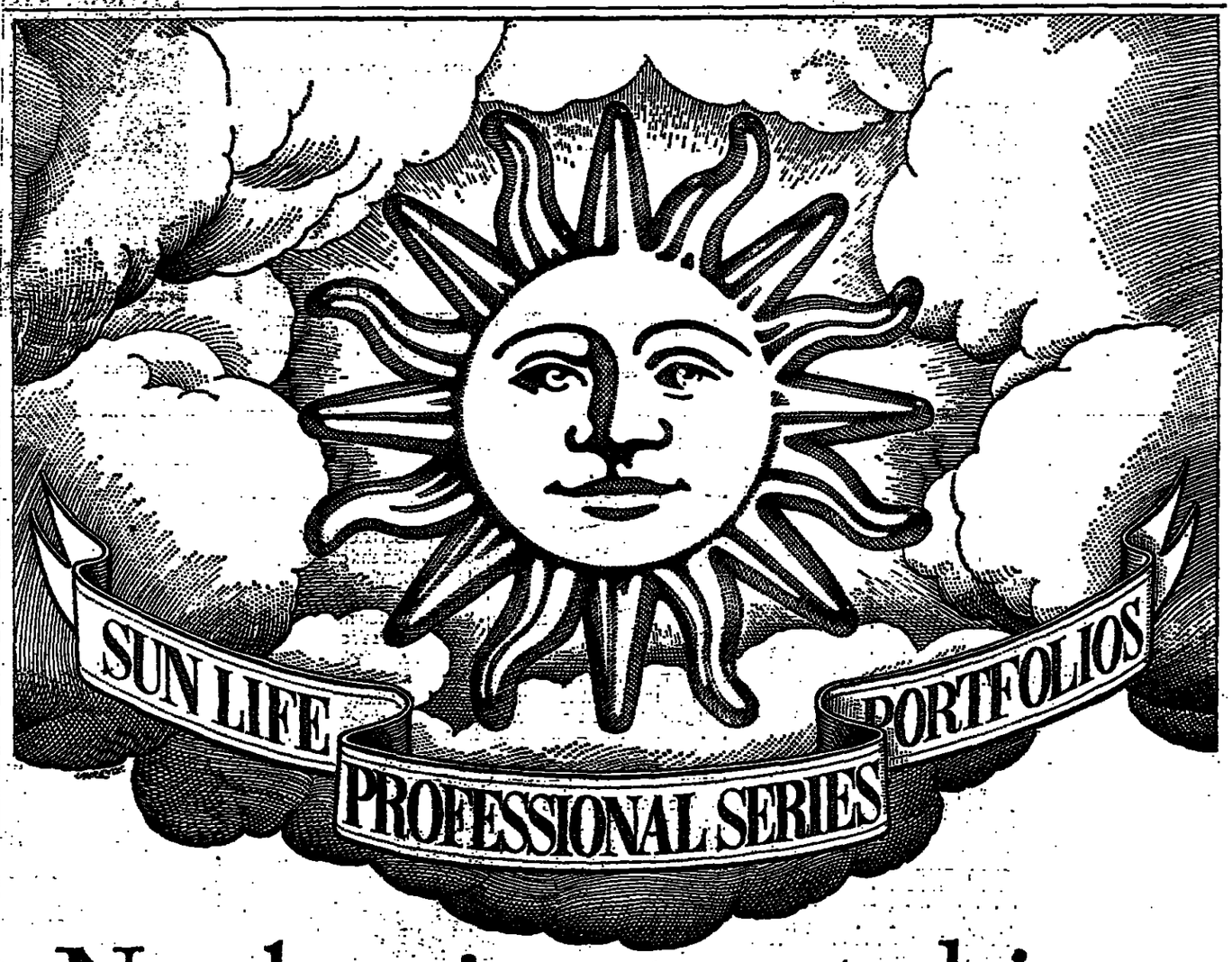

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PENSIONS

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MOST employees can expect some increase in their pensions paid after retirement, though it is rare for them to enjoy the full security of the civil servants' perk, an index-linked pension.

Self-employed people, on the other hand, or those who are arranging their own pensions, are by and large deciding to make do on a completely fixed pension.

The reasoning behind this choice is understandable, though not necessarily sensible. Many life companies offer the option of a pension escalating at, say, 3 or 5 p.c. a year, which would offer at least some protection against rising prices.

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There is no totally satisfactory answer to this problem, but there are now several options. The escalating pension, rising at a fixed rate each year, is one answer.

Many life companies offer this—and with the "open market option" individuals are entitled on retirement to take their accumulated pension fund away from the original life company to any other for the purposes of purchasing the pension itself.

Some companies offer a limited range of increases—for example, a pension that escalates at either 3 p.c. or 5 p.c. a year—while others are more flexible. Norwich Union, for example, will arrange a pension escalating at any rate from 0.5 p.c. upwards.

An alternative is a unit-linked pension. Companies that offer this include Abbey Life, Commercial Union, Scottish Widows and M & G, though few actively market them.

Linking a pension to an equity or managed fund will involve a lower initial payment and may also involve giving up the security of knowing your pension will never fall.

But against these drawbacks is the considerable attraction of a pension that offers a reasonable prospect of keeping pace with inflation and even growing in real value. Hambro Life offers pensions linked to three of their funds, Property, Equity and Managed.

Table One shows what the current position is for someone who took out such a pension in May 1980. Not surprisingly the Equity fund has proved the most rewarding, while the Property fund has lagged behind.

These results reflect the strong performance of the equity market over the past five years and it must be doubtful whether it can continue at such a pace. The Managed fund has would be likely to be less volatile, given its spread of investments—property, equities and gilts—but the possibility still has to be faced that the pension may go down.

Equity Life offers a single equity-linked pension, linked to its Pelican unit trust — a genral United Kingdom fund. Unlike Hambro's it offers a guarantee that the pension will never fall below its initial level, so the pensioner does have at least some certainty, although he is the one who pays for it ultimately in that if there is any shortfall it is recouped out of subsequent payments.

One use of equity, or managed, linked pensions which has not been fully appreciated is the way that they can cut down on the risk of "timing" your retirement badly.

The level of any personal pension depends partly on the size of fund built up. If you have the bad luck to retire at a time when markets were low and cash in the fund for a fixed pension, its level would be correspondingly low and there would be no subsequent chance to recover.

This risk is particularly relevant in the case of unitised pension plans which are linked purely to equities, as opposed to the more general managed fund or with-profits policies.

One method of minimising this risk is to switch your pension fund progressively over a period of years — say 20 p.c. a year over the five years prior to retirement — to the safe and steady deposit fund.

If you decide to buy an equity-linked pension with the fund, however, it does not much matter what is happening to the market at the time you retire as you are not switching out of it, merely rearranging your investments within it.

Finally, a few life companies offer index-linked pensions, including Legal & General, Target Life and Standard Life. The drawback, once again, with these pensions is that the starting level is considerably lower than that available on a fixed pension. Table Two contrasts the initial levels currently available from a fixed pension, a pension escalating at a fixed rate of 5 p.c. a year and an index-linked pension.

As the figures show, the index-linked guarantee is expensive and according to Standard Life, who supplied these figures, puts off many people who are in theory interested in the option. But fixed pensions, thanks to inflation, can be a fool's paradise, and the alternatives should be seriously considered.

Five years of pensions payments

The record of payments to man who retired at 65 in May 1980 with a £1,000 pension fund.

	Annual pension linked to: Managed fund	Property fund	Equity fund	Fixed pension
May 1980	£66·29	£66·29	£66·29	£158·92
May 1981	£84·16	£76·16	£92·23	£158·92
May 1982	£94·04	£87·06	£101·63	£158·92
May 1983	£123·20	£91·74	£145·44	£158·92
May 1984	£143·38	£100·74	£175·56	£158·92
May 1985	£169·71	£110·02	£218·42	£158·92

All payments gross. Pension payable quarterly in advance, guaranteed for five years. Source: Hambro Life.

Starting pension for man aged 65 retiring this month with a £1,000 pension fund.

Pension escalating at 5 p.c. a year	Fixed pension	Index linked pension
£94·04 a year	£129·84 a year	£66·60 a year

Payments gross. Pension payable quarterly in advance, guaranteed for five years. Source: Standard Life.

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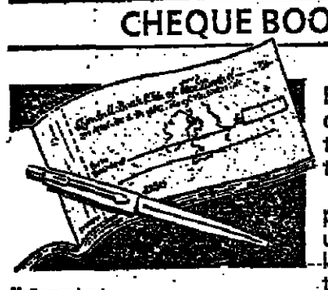

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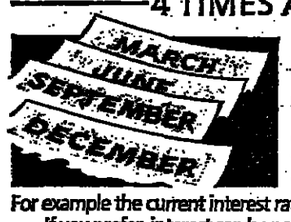

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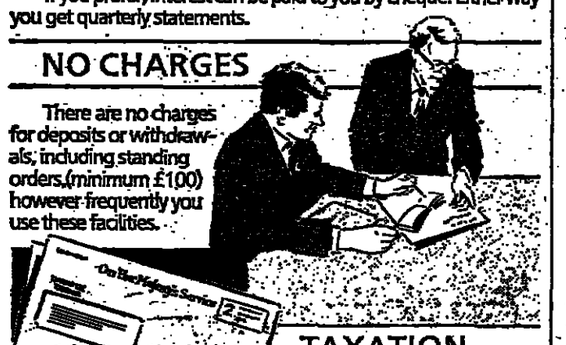

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FOOT-IN-THE-DOOR salesmen will be given the boot with the new consumer credit laws coming into force tomorrow.

Among the changes in consumer-credit rules is the start of the five-days "cooling off period" in which anybody can cancel a deal signed in their own home.

"This is very good news for anyone talked into signing a contract by a persuasive doorstep salesman," said Sir Gordon Borrie, Director-General of Fair Trading.

His office is producing a 12-page free booklet, "Shop around for credit," to tell people about the alterations to credit laws.

The booklet can be had from the trading standards or consumer protection departments of local authorities, from Consumer Advice Centres and from Citizens Advice Bureaux. If you cannot get one from anywhere else, copies can be obtained from the Office of Fair Trading at Room 310C, Field House, Bream's Buildings, London, EC4A 1PR.

"Buying on credit has never been easier or more popular," says Sir Gordon. "But it can be a trap. Owing money can become a terrible burden and debt problems are increasing throughout the country. Consumers must think carefully on whether they are getting the best deal and whether they can afford it."

Items covered include what to do if you are refused credit, if goods bought on credit turn out to be faulty, or if you feel the interest charges are too high.

"If you have difficulties with credit, the booklet explains how to tackle the problem and where to go for advice," Sir Gordon said.

The legal changes come with implementation of the remaining parts of the Consumer Credit Act, replacing the Hire-Purchase Acts, the Moneylenders Acts and the Pawnbroking Acts, which will be repealed.

They lay down what information must be provided to customers in credit agreement forms.

The right of a customer to settle a credit agreement early, in some cases with a rebate, is another provision. Also, there is the obligation of a trader to provide customers with copies of agreements and clearly-worded details of their rights to cancel.

The booklet includes what to do if you lose a credit or charge card and how to try to get out of debt, with advice on just how far a debt-collector may go.

John Petty

STATEMENTS FOR TWO

THERE can be no better illustration of the United Kingdom legislative machinery grinding extremely slowly than the Consumer Credit Act 1974. Although given Royal Assent way back in 1974, large parts of it are still not in force.

However, this month, matters will be put to rights; the Act becomes fully operational.

The public is already being introduced to aspects of the "new" legislation: wherever there is joint personal borrowing in the form of what the Act calls "running-account credit", each party to the account will be entitled to a statement.

As theoretically all bank current accounts may become overdrawn, the banks will be obliged to forward a statement to each party to an account held in joint names. So both, say, Mr and Mrs Smith will receive identical statements.

The idea behind this move is sound. In cases where individuals are joint *and severally* liable for any indebtedness, it is reasonable that each party should know the extent of the borrowing. Though that appears not to take account of a husband who wants to hide his overdraft, and tears up the statement sent to his wife.

Nevertheless, the law recognises that the provision of separate statements may not always be required. Consequently, a procedure provides for situations where joint account holders wish to receive just one statement as at present.

The procedure requires that all but one party to a joint account must sign a "dispensing notice." This simply states that those signing "dispense" with their legal right to receive a personal statement for the account.

Bank charges are an emotive issue and it is more than reasonable to assume that the institutions will not wish to attract adverse publicity.

If nothing is done, the banks will be obliged to forward a statement to each party to a current account.

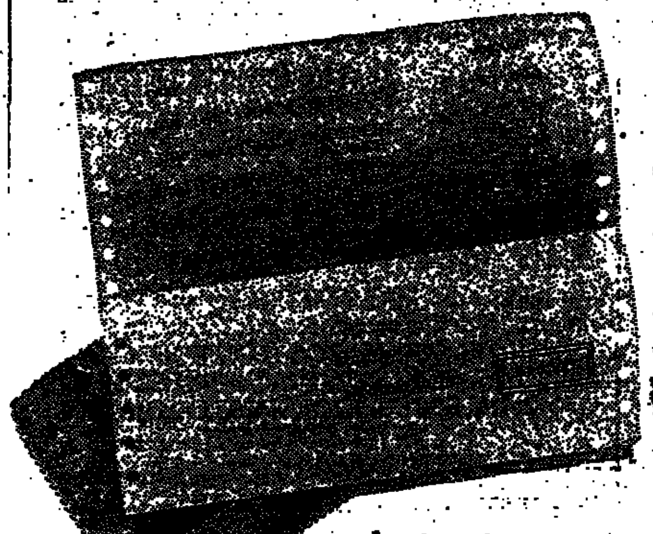
One can imagine the raised eyebrows if this occurs without prior notice. Account holders will condemn the action as "extravagant" and will feel far from pleased if as a result bank charges rise.

To release themselves from what to many may appear a ludicrous situation, the banks *will* have to write to each joint account holder and request a signature or signatures to a "Dispensing Notice."

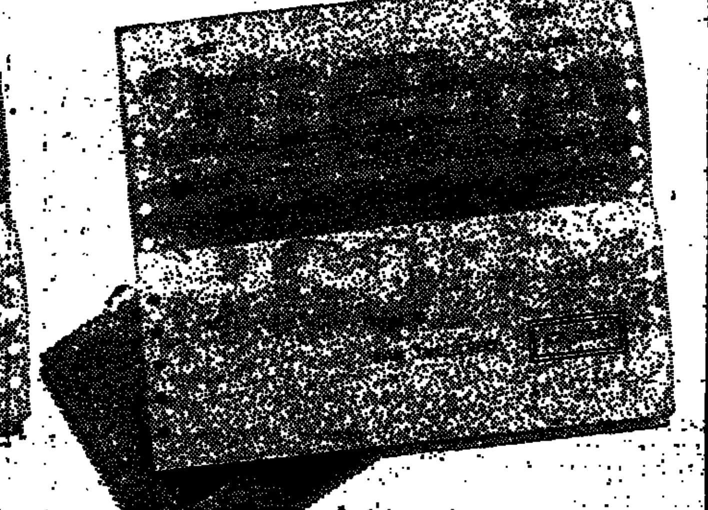
So, if you receive a strange letter from your bank requesting that all but one party to a joint account should sign the enclosed "dispensing notice," your bank has not gone bureaucracy mad: they are asking because of legislation, and in the long run to save you additional expense.

Andrew Moore

Two conflicting statements on the best way to invest.



A statement from a Building Society.



A statement from a Unit Trust.

When you receive your yearly statement from the Building Society, you could be forgiven for wondering if it's all really worth it.

'Money Management', a Financial Times publication, states that £1,000 invested in a leading Building Society five years ago would have been worth £1,505 at the beginning of the year.

A measly sum compared to the £2,718 average return on that same £1,000 invested in Unit Trusts.

In fact, as you can see from the table, Unit Trusts have offered higher returns than either a Bank or a Building Society although, of course, one can never guarantee that what happened in the past, will happen in the future.

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INVESTMENT ON 1 JANUARY 1980	WHERE INVESTED	1 JANUARY 1985
£1,000	A Bank Deposit Account	£1,578
£1,000	A Leading Building Society Share Account	£1,505*
£1,000	The Average Unit Trust + Unitholder Index	£2,718*

*Income re-invested net of basic rate tax. Unit trust performance on an offer to offer price basis. Source: Money Management.

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—	Ass. Brit. Ind. CULS	150	—	10·0	6·6	—	—
3,125	Airsprung Group	54	—	6·4	11·9	6·0	7·1
875	Armitage & Rhodes	35	+1	2·9	8·3	4·4	7·5
46,139	Bardon Hill	148	+2	5·4	2·5	14·9	24·8
3,135	Bray Technologies	57	+5	3·9	6·8	2·0	8·0
570	CCL Ordinary	163xd	−9	12·0	7·4	4·0	5·5
1,375	CCL 11 p.c. Conv. Pref.	110	—	15·7	14·3	—	—
6,889	Carborundum Ord.	115xs	−2	4·9	4·3	5·7	8·9
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4,189	Frederick Parker	29	—	—	—	—	—
1,052	George Blair	57	—	—	—	3·8	7·7
812	Ind. Precision Castings	7?	—	2·7	13·5	5·5	5·5
15,925	Isis Group	182	−3	15·0	8·2	7·2	13·1
5,468	Jackson Group	105	—	4·9	4·7	4·9	9·5
33,005	James Burrough	238	—	13·7	5·8	8·4	8·4
3,085	James Burrough 9% Pref.	89	—	12·9	14·5	—	—
8,962	John Howard & Company	86	—	5·0	5·8	6·8	10·8
3,732	Linguaphone Ord.	224	−1	—	—	8·2	8·6
—	Linguaphone 10·5% Pref.	98	—	15·0	15·3	—	—
17,367	Minihouse Holding N.V.	632	−7	6·9	1·1	27·9	26·5
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1,496	Trevian Holdings	350	—	4·3	1·3	18·8	18·4
4,710	Unilock Holdings	30	—	1·3	4·3	14·6	21·0
13,049	Walter Alexander	102	+2	7·5	7·4	10·1	12·5
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M&G Recovery	2,182	9,253	25,747
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F.T. Industrial Ordinary Index	2,104	5,931	11,294
Building Society Savings Account	1,496	3,839	7,213

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TAXATION

Walter Sinclair explains capital gains tax calculations on Ordinary share transactions.

LAST WEEK a Tory back-bench motion was defeated which had it been passed would not only have saved you tax on older shareholdings, but also meant that calculating gain or loss under the new rules would have been much simpler. The motion involved removing all gains and losses up to March 31, 1982, from the scope of that tax.

Without the proposed simplification, we are left with complicated rules which need to be followed through, not only when shares are sold, but also on some purchases. And it is the shares held at March 31, 1982, which can give rise to particular complications.

A guaranteed recipe for involved tax calculations is to make frequent purchases and sales of shares in a particular company. This will be dealt with here next week, but first, various simpler situations are considered.

This article deals with ordinary shares, rather than loan stocks and "gilts," etc., which do not generally come within the new rules until February 28, 1986. Also, it should be mentioned that what follows is based on the Finance Bill, which is at present going through Parliament.

There may be changes made to the capital gains tax rules before the Bill receives Royal Assent, probably at the end of July. However, it is most unlikely that the basic scheme will be changed.

The simplest situation is where you buy a holding of shares after March 31, 1982, and you sell all of it after April 5, 1985, when the new rules come into play for individuals. Your gain is your profit on the shares less indexation relief for your entire period of ownership based on the cost. Losses are calculated in the same way, adding the indexation relief to the basic loss.

Thus, suppose you bought some shares in May, 1983 for £1,000 and sell them in this month for 2,000 the capital gain is:—

Proceeds		£2,000
Less:		
Cost	£1,000	
Indexation, May, 1983 to May, 1985, say 10 p.c.	100	
		1,100
Capital Gain		£ 900

This gain may be covered *eventually by your exemption* of £5,900 for 1985-86. Otherwise, it will bear tax at 30 p.c. making £270 (unless covered by losses).

One exception to the rule is that where you buy a shareholding and sell it within ten days, you do not receive indexation relief, even though your sale may be in the following calendar month. *This is to prevent people taking advantage* of an increase in the index from one month to the next. Remember, that the same indexation figure will apply to all of your deals within a particular month, whether early or late.

Indexation only runs back to March, 1982 and special rules have been *introduced* retarding acquisitions *prior* to April 1, 1982. When you sell such shares after April 5, 1985 or March 31 for companies), you have the option of electing that your indexation relief should be based on the market value at March 31, 1982.

There is a time limit for the election, which for an individual is two years after the tax year in which the sale is made. some shares on January 1, 1980

Thus suppose you bought for £1,000 and sold them on May 1, 1985 for £4,000. If the shares are worth £2,000 at March 31, 1982, it will obviously be in your interest to make the election. Suppose the indexation relief would be £170, whereas if you elect it would be £540. Electing actually saves you £51 of capital gains tax.

The actual calculation is:—

Proceeds		£4,000
Less: Cost	£1,000	
Indexation	540	
		£1,540
Capital gain		£2,660
Tax at 30 p.c.		£ 798

A third category of shares, by no means yet extinct, consists of acquisitions, even before the introduction of capital gains tax, which was on April 6, 1985. You were allowed to elect for market value at that date to be used instead of cost for all your shares for capital gains tax purposes.

If you had not made the *election, you use the higher of* cost on April 6, 1985, market value in computing the gain on any of the shares now sold.

However, you now have the option of calculating *indexation relief* on the March 31, 1982 value.

So far, situations have only been considered where a shareholding was acquired at one time and is now sold in one batch. However, suppose your holding of shares in the company was partly bought before April 6, 1965, partly between that date and March 31, 1982 and otherwise after March 31, 1982.

Shares that you now sell must be identified on a "first-in, first-out" basis. Thus, you first take the pre-April 6, 1965 shares, then the pre-April 1, 1982 shares and finally the remainder.

Furthermore, "pooling" rules normally apply to multiple purchases. These lead to complications, particularly regarding indexation relief, which will be covered in a further article.

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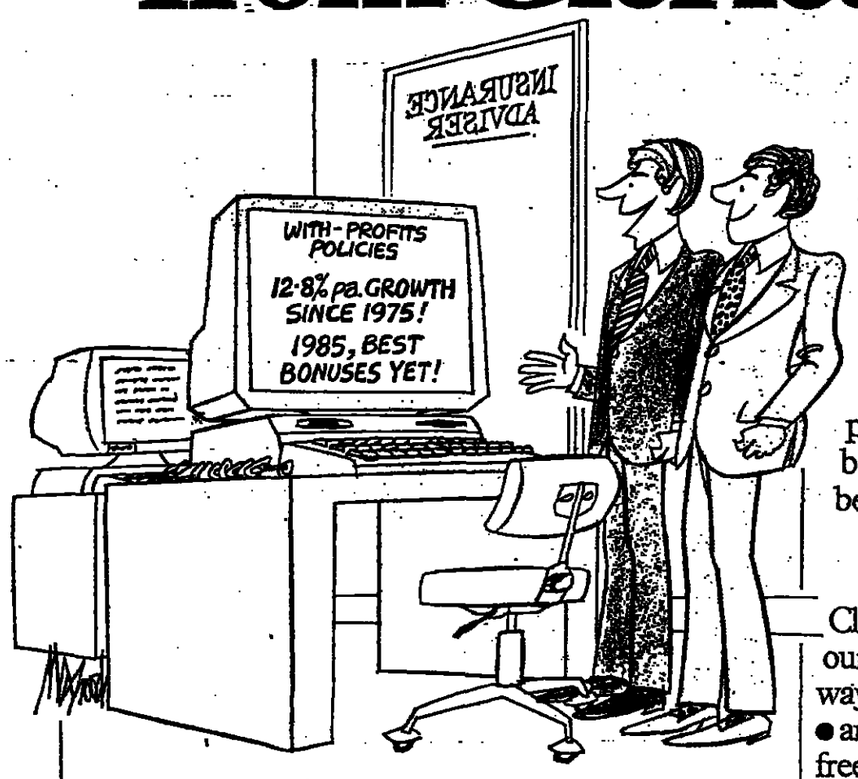

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THE investor's choice of investment funds and unit trusts has never been wider. But while companies are happy to tell you when to buy specialist funds, they are less helpful about when you should sell. This has encouraged an increasing number of investors to seek the guidance of professional intermediaries on when to switch. Indeed, so significant has this business become that many brokers are now offering their own "private managed funds."

A private managed fund is basically the broker's own unit-linked investment bond in which his client's money is pooled. It enables him to switch around between the life company's funds he thinks fit. This is a much easier operation than having to submit switch forms for each individual client's bond.

It means that the investor effectively has two layers of management — the company's professional investment managers, and his own broker. Both have to be paid for. The company will deduct its own management charge, normally ¾p.c. a year plus another ¾p.c. which is paid to the broker, making a total deduction of at least 1½ p.c. and sometimes higher.

Clients are not charged for any switches the broker makes so there may be some saving. But it does mean the broker must outperform the insurance company by at least ¾p.c. to justify his fee.

One of the first insurance companies to offer brokers this facility was Target Life, in January 1985. It now has over 100 private managed funds with more than £50 million under management. The concept has proved very popular with brokers.

"We have had to turn a lot down," says Paul Taylor of Target. "There are around 10,000 insurance brokers in this country, but only a few hundred have sufficient investment expertise to run this type of bond.

So how do insurance companies assess the expertise of brokers before giving them their own fund to run? They may require them to be licensed dealers or members of the National Association of Security Dealers & Investment Managers, and will have their own vetting procedures but this usually boils down to personal interviews and their knowledge of the broker from an existing business relationship. So investors should not feel too impressed by a company's endorsement of a broker in this way.

Once a private managed fund is set up the degree of control the insurance company has over it is limited, apart from providing the broker with its views and advice on investment markets. Companies will monitor the progress of the bonds and in the last resort can terminate the arrangement and switch investors into their own managed funds.

However, they are reluctant to say at what point they will do this. An investor, therefore, has no guarantee that he will not lose money because of a broker's bad management.

Target admits that it has had to warn at least two of its advisers to change their investment philosophy and that initially some brokers switched too much and their performance suffered. But on the whole, says Paul Taylor, "the funds have performed well".

One of the more disturbing aspects of the funds, however, is the apparent lack of control that the insurance companies have over what brokers say in their literature and advertising for the funds.

For example, one firm of Cheshire brokers Academy Insurance, who run a private managed fund backed by Crescent Life, part of Life Association of Scotland, has recently been advertising their gains of "over 35·1 p.c. net in under ten months". Such short-term gains can be very misleading and create false expectations for the future.

Keith Luckhoo of Life Association of Scotland, which has 12 brokerfunds with around £8 million under management, says that the company does not ask to see advertisements before they are placed, even though they mention L.A.S. On performance generally he says: "We can't guarantee a broker will outperform our managed fund, but they have every incentive to do so—their name is on the fund, and their fees go up with the value of the fund.

Another insurance company offering broker funds is Scottish Mutual which has already given considerable publicity to its full-scale launch into the unit-linked market at the end of May.

A Milton Keynes based broker is offering clients the "Brian Taylor & Co. Managed Fund" and states: "In consultation with Scottish Mutual we are now launching a brand new unique investment opportunity. This product is exclusively for the clients of Brian Taylor Co."

In fact, Scottish Mutual has over 40 such funds arranged.

For an investor who has a long and trusted relationship with a broker, the private managed fund approach can have advantages. But others should be wary. Monitoring of individual bond switching services by the magazine PLANNED SAVINGS over the last five years has shown that few brokers managed to outperform the insurance companies' ordinary managed funds.

Indeed, investors should think long and hard before putting money into investment bonds in the first place. From a tax point of view, most people are better off in unit trusts. And if you are worried about switching — avoid specialist funds and stick to an income or capital growth trust —you will probably do just as well, if not better, in the long run.

Helen Pridham

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Building societies are beginning to be aware of this area and a few, such as National & Provincial, now offer combined insurance packages to cover the mortgage payments of borrowers unable to work through illness or accident, or who are made redundant.

Redundancy is difficult and expensive to insure because the process of "selection" works against the insurance companies: in other words, only those people who think there is a good chance they will be made redundant will bother taking out such a policy in the first place. The National Association of Estate Agents ran such a scheme until last year but withdrew it, presumably following on from bad claims experience.

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Two insurers are still operating in this market, Cornhill and Guardian Royal Exchange. Unlike the National Association, their current policies only offer redundancy insurance as part of a package including sickness and accident cover as well.

GRE, which underwrites National and Provincial Building Society's scheme, confirms that its claims experience "has been a problem" and has increased its rates accordingly. GRE is considering linking up with other building societies to offer the policy, but is limiting its discussions to national societies with a spread of borrowers both in terms of geography and occupation.

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The Cornhill scheme, however, will continue paying out with no time limit, whereas under GRE's scheme payments are made for a maximum of two years and there is also a two-month waiting period before payments start.

Though these "package" policies are a sensible idea in theory, they do have drawbacks. It is important to read the small print to establish when payments under the policy will commence, how long they continue for and whether there is any other qualification — the GRE scheme, for example, requires that you are in work for 12 months after the commencement of the policy before cover is available.

It is worth considering carefully whether you really want the redundancy cover. This increases the expense of the premiums — an ordinary Permanent Health Insurance policy may provide a similar amount of cover for perhaps half the premiums, if redundancy is left out of the package.

On the other hand, redundancy may be your main anxiety, in which case you are forced to pay for sickness and accident insurance as well. The only exception to this is if you are taking out a mortgage with Bristol & West, which negotiated its scheme with Cornhill nearly three years ago, on terms that would not be repeated today.

The Bristol & West scheme covers mortgage payments for two years in the event of redundancy for 2 p.c. of mortgage payments.

Claims experience has been "middle of the road," according to insurance manager Richard Holden, and premiums were recently increased from 1·5 p.c. This is still good value compared to the packaged schemes, for borrowers who do not want the extra sickness and accident cover.

Finally, if you are self-employed, the package schemes should be avoided as by definition self-employed people cannot be made redundant and therefore cannot benefit from redundancy cover.

Diana Wright

PAY PACKET BOOST

THE Budget changes in tax allowances should be coming through in pay packets received from this weekend onward. For a married man paying tax at the standard rate of 30 p.c., the chnges should increase take-home pay by about £1·73 a week, while a single person ought to be £1·15 better off.

Single allowances and the wife's earnings allowance goes up £200 to £2,205 for the year and the PAYE code (which should end with the letter L) increases by 20; the married allowance increases £300 to £3,455 and the code (with the letter H) will be 30 higher.

SAVE SOME CASH AT PENSION TIME

IT IS not often you can find yourself with an unexpected pay rise. But if you are one of those who believe that retirement is for others, that is what you could get.

The reason is in fact a straightforward one, but not something about which people are generally aware. Quite simply, you do not have to pay national insurance contributions if you work on past pension age.

The saving can be considerable —nearly £24 a week at the top end of the scale.

Although you may save, your employer won't. Unfortunately for him, he has to carry on paying his share of national insurance on your behalf as usual.

To get full advantage of these arrangements you need a "certificate of age exception" from the Department of Health and Social Security when you reach age 65, if you are a man, or 60, if you are a woman.

This is a form which you give to your employer so he knows that you do not have to pay national insurance any longer. It also gives him the necessary official permission not to deduct them from your pay.

You need a separate certificate for each employer if you have more than one.

In fact the process of getting a certificate should be easy. About four months before you are due to reach pension age you should get a form from the Department of Health asking if you want to retire.

If you say on this form that you are going to work on, or even do part-time work, then a certificate should be sent to you automatically.

If you do not say that you will be working on, or if you retire but intend to take a job later, you won't get a certificate automatically. In this case, your local Department of Health and Social Security office can step into the breach when you need one.

If you stay with your employer when you reach state retiring age, he may carry on taking the national insurance contributions from your pay until he gets your certificate.

Once you get the certificate, ask your employer for a refund of what he has taken off. If you are still in the same income tax year, then he can do this. If not, you might have to ask the Department of Health and Social Security for a refund.

Self-employed people benefit from this as well, although there is no special certificate needed. Once a self employed person reaches pension age, he can simply stop paying his weekly stamp—if you do this by direct debit, don't forget to cancel it.

The Class 4 levy on profits does not have to be paid for any year of assessment after the one in which the 60th birthday for women, or the 65th for men, falls.

If you work on and don't take your pension, it starts to get bigger (by about 7½ p.c. a year) for when you eventually take it. On the other hand, if you do have a pension and start to work, you may be better o by not having to pay national insurance, but you should watch out for the pension earnings rule. This starts to cut the pension when earnings reach £70 a week.

Peter Gilbert

DURABLES INDEX

APRIL's durable goods index figure is 262·4, a rise of 2·5 p.c. on April 1984. Household contents policies due to be renewed this month should have the sum insured increased by about £2·50 per £100 of cover.

For straight indemnity policies, where the amount paid out in the event of a claim is based on the second-hand value of the goods and is not necessarily affected by inflation, householders would be wise to check their cover is sufficient or consider changing to "replacement-value" cover.

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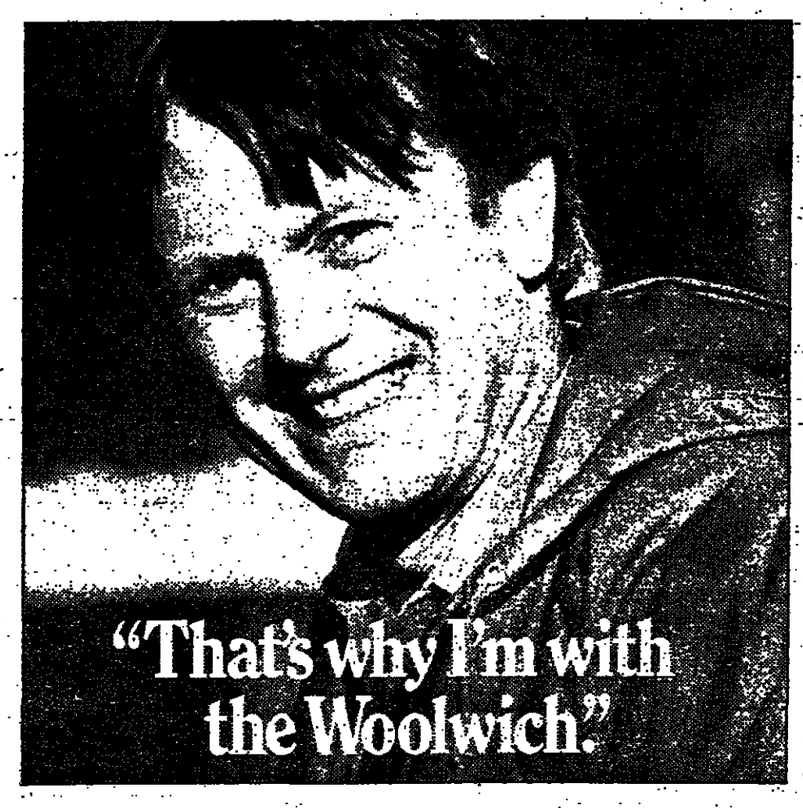

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SAVER'S CHOICE

THE big change in the returns for savers this week is the major jump in the inflation rate, which improves considerably the terms of holders of "granny bonds"—index-linked savings certificates—and the old save-as-you-earn investments.

The return from these Government schemes needed an uplift now that building societies and others are offering such good terms, but with the 3 p.c. bonus, and 6·9 p.c. from inflation, the combined 9·9 p.c. tax free pays as well as most deposit rivals.

As we warned earlier this month, inflation could be higher again when the May figures are calculated, which is good news for State pensioners and beneficiaries, whose November increases will be calculated on the May figure.

Meanwhile, the banks' term deposit rates have slipped slightly, but despite Dunbar & Company's ½ p.c. cut on its high-interest account rate, other high-interest rates have tended upward this week. Britannia and Schroder have moved from 8·97 p.c. for instance, and Save & Prosper from 8·85 p.c.

UDT's seven-day deposit fund and Western Trust's one-month money fund are paying fractionally less this week, however, and while gilt yields are unchanged, the best one-year local authority bond pays ½ p.c. less this week.

BANKS

	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	Natwest	Byl Bk of Scot.	Bk of Scot.
Deposit rates nominal (v) ..	7·25pc	7pc	7pc	7·13pc	7·10pc	7·47pc

	NOMINAL RATE	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE nil-tax	30pc tax	40pc tax	50pc tax	60pc tax	INVESTMENT LIMITS Minimum £	Maximum £
MIDLAND	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.	p.c.		
Deposit account (v)	7·00	7·12	7·12	6·11	5·09	4·07	—	—
1-month term (f)	8·50	8·84	8·84	7·58	6·31	5·05	—	—
3-month term (f)	8·32	8·60	8·60	7·37	6·14	4·91	—	—
6-month term (f)	8·13	8·29	8·29	7·11	5·92	4·74	—	—
12-month term (f)	8·04	8·04	8·04	6·89	5·74	4·59	—	—
TRUSTEE SAVINGS BANK (v)								
Service account	2·00	2·00	2·00	1·72	1·43	1·14	—	—
Deposit account	6·00	6·00	6·00	5·14	4·29	3·43	—	—
Term deposit 1 year ..	8·75	8·75	8·75	7·50	6·25	5·00	—	—
NATIONAL GIROBANK (v) ..	7·00	7·12	7·12	6·10	5·09	4·07	—	—

NATIONAL SAVINGS

Investment account (v)	12·75	12·75	8·93	7·65	6·38	5·10	—	50,000
INDEX-LINKED CERTS (v) (1)	6·9	6·9	6·9	6·9	6·9	6·9	10	10,000
30th ISSUE SAVINGS (f)								
Held for 1 year	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	6·76	25	5,000
Held for 2 years	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	7·13	—	—
Held for 3 years	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	7·63	—	—
Held for 4 years	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	8·22	—	—
Held for 5 years	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	8·85	—	—
Common extension rate ..	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	9·51	—	—
YEARLY PLAN (f)								
1-year	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	6·00	20 per month	100
2-year	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	6·80	—	—
3-year	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	7·75	—	—
4-year	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	7·89	—	—
5-year	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	9·28	—	—
DEPOSIT BONDS	13·23	13·25	9·28	7·63	6·63	5·30	100	50,000
INCOME BONDS	13·25	14·08	9·86	8·45	7·04	5·63	2,000	50,000

BUILDING SOCIETIES

Ord. acct	8·25	8·42	8·42	7·22	6·01	4·81	—	30,000
No notice (v) Alliance ..	10·00	10·00	10·00	8·57	7·14	5·71	500	250,000
90-day (v) Nationwide	10·25	10·51	10·51	9·01	7·51	6·00	500	250,000

MONEY FUNDS

Western Trust 1-month (f)	9·11	9·50	9·50	8·14	6·79	5·43	2,500	50,000
HFC Trust 3-month (f)	9·25	9·57	9·57	8·20	6·20	5·47	2,500	100,000
Lombard N Central 1-yr (f)	9·00	12·65	9·00	7·71	6·43	5·15	1,000	100,000

HIGH INTEREST BANK ACCOUNTS

Allied Dunbar (v)	9·00	9·38	9·38	8·04	6·70	5·36	2,500	—
Bank of Scotland (v)	9·00	9·38	9·38	8·04	6·70	5·36	1,000	—
Barclays Prime (v)	9·00	9·31	9·31	7·98	6·65	5·32	2,500	—
Barclays HIDA (v)	9·25	9·58	9·58	8·21	6·84	5·47	1,000	10,000
Britannia, Cater Allen (v)	9·02	9·39	9·39	8·05	6·71	5·37	2,500	—
Charterhouse Premium (v)	9·25	9·65	9·65	8·27	6·89	5·52	2,500	—
Citibank Cheque Plus (v) .	10·00	10·55	10·55	9·04	7·54	6·03	500	—
Co-op Cheque & Save (v) .	9·12	10·08	10·08	8·64	7·20	5·76	500	2,500
Lloyds HICA (v)	9·00	9·40	9·40	7·72	6·43	5·14	2,500	—
Lombard N. Central (v) .	9·15	9·56	9·56	8·20	6·83	5·46	2,500	—
M&G/Kleinwort (v)	9·16	9·56	9·56	8·19	6·83	5·46	2,500	—
Midland (v)	9·00	9·30	9·30	7·97	6·64	5·32	2,000	—
NatWest Special Res. (v)	9·25	9·57	9·57	8·20	6·84	5·47	2,000	—
Royal Bk of Scot Prem (v)	9·15	9·47	9·47	8·12	6·77	5·41	2,500	—
Save & Prosper (v)	9·00	9·45	9·45	8·10	6·75	5·40	1,000	—
Schroder Wagg (v)	9·04	9·59	9·59	8·22	6·85	5·48	2,500	—
Tyndall (v)	9·25	9·71	9·71	8·32	6·94	5·55	2,500	—

DEPOSIT FUNDS

UDT 7-day (v)	9·15	9·47	9·47	8·12	6·77	5·41	5,000	250,000
Lombard N Cent 14-day (v)	9·53	9·98	9·98	8·56	7·13	5·70	2,500	—

INCOME BONDS

1-year Chase de Vere ..	10·00	10·00	10·00	8·57	7·14	5·71	1,000	—
2-year Liberty Life	9·25	9·25	9·25	8·35	7·46	6·56	1,000	—
3-year New Direction Fin.	9·20	9·20	9·20	8·28	7·36	6·44	1,000	—
4-year General Portfolio	9·40	9·40	9·40	8·50	7·70	6·80	1,000	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS

1-year Leicester	10·28	11·18	7·81	6·71	5·50	4·47	500	—
2-year Kirklees	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	500	—
3-year Kirklees	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	500	—
4-year Wigan	11·25	11·57	8·10	6·94	5·79	4·63	100	—

LOCAL AUTHORITY BONDS (f) (01-920 0501) after 9·30 p.m.

GILTS

Exchequer 13½ 1987 ..	13·00	13·42	9·39	8·05	6·71	5·37	—	—
Treasury 13½ 1997	12·90	12·25	8·58	7·35	6·13	4·90	—	—
Treasury 7½ 2012-15 ..	10·18	10·36	7·25	6·22	5·18	4·14	—	—

Return: (f) Fixed; (v) Variable.

1—Return based on the increase in the RPI for the year to March 1985. The index value applicable to the repayment of index-linked certificates during May 1985, is 366·1. A 3 p.c. bonus is payable if units are held until November. The same rates apply to the now closed SAYE scheme.

☐ THE table (above) shows two rates of interest for each savings scheme: the nominal rate which should be used in companies, advertisements, and the compounded annual rate (CAR), which is the effective return if interest is re-invested as received. The more frequently that interest is paid, the higher the CAR. For example, if the clearing bank deposit rate was 8 p.c. not nominal, the investor depositing £100 would actually have £4 credited to his account after six months, and £4·16 credited after the next six months. So after a year the £100 would have grown to £108·16, giving a CAR of 8·16 p.c.

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1985 High	1985 Low	Name	Bid	Offer
109.9	104.2	Amer. Grth	122.0	141.4
54.6	49.6	Asian Pacific	54.1	58.4
115.0	107.1	General	135.1	114.3
76.0	71.8	Irish Inc. Eq	73.5	*78.0
207.3	165.5	Japan	155.6	*165.0
57.9	53.3	U.S. Gen. Co.	56.0	*59.9
118.8	112.5	Gilt & Fix. Int	109.3	115.0
179.0	154.4	Worldwide Bond	145.9	*155.0

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33.6	30.0	Small Co's Fd	30.3	32.4
152.2	137.5	Pacific Fund	128.3	132.1
224.7	200.5	Exempt Fund	477.7	501.7
195.3	169.6	Special Sits. Fd	172.1	181.1
42.0	37.6	Eq cy & Res. Fd	39.4	41.6
69.6	57.8	Am. Majors Fd	58.0	62.1
53.0	39.9	Intnl. Inc. Fd	49.5	51.8
156.2	143.1	Secure Income Fund	146.4	153.6
80.7	65.4	Japanese Tech Fund	58.9	63.0
171.4	115.6	American Tech Fund	130.0	139.0

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180.1	180.1	Prop Trust	169.0	180.0
113.7	104.1	Growth & Inc's Tst.	105.5	*115.4
206.7	180.8	Capital Trust	195.5	*208.1
305.5	279.5	Balanced Trust	292.1	310.7
402.2	415.5	Accumulator Tst.	432.7	460.9
34.7	30.0	American Inc. Tst.	25.5	31.4
192.5	180.5	High Income Tst.	186.8	198.9
108.9	99.3	Monier Income Tst.	102.8	109.7
136.6	117.1	High Yield Tst.	115.4	*122.1
29.7	26.3	Governm't Secs. Tst	27.5	*29.7
75.4	64.6	International Tst.	61.7	65.7
77.1	69.5	Money Tst.	69.1	73.6
141.5	115.2	Pacific Tst.	117.3	124.9
73.9	56.7	Am's Spec. Sits. Tst	60.4	65.2
218.8	178.7	Secs. of America Tst.	178.9	*188.2
179.8	159.5	Asset Value Tst.	165.5	176.2
33.2	31.2	Gilt Growth Tst.	30.9	32.8
107.1	96.8	Smaller Co's Tst.	100.5	106.9
139.1	128.5	Sec. Smaller Co's Tst	129.5	137.7
81.9	72.1	Recovery Tst.	75.8	80.6
109.5	92.8	Metal Mins. & Com. Tst	93.4	99.5
108.0	101.2	Overseas Earnings Tst.	105.2	105.2
104.5	84.9	Technology Tst.	90.1	*95.3

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131.3	(12/7)	AndersonGrthUnitT	119.2	127.4
39.7	27.5	AndersonInc.UnitT.	32.7	35.4

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55.5	50.4	Capital Growth	49.8	52.2
95.3	84.0	Commodity	81.7	*87.3
157.9	139.4	Commodity Accum.	138.3	*145.7
52.5	48.3	Com. 102 Withdrawal	48.3	*48.3
119.8	97.8	Health & Inland Prod	97.8	103.9
68.5	54.2	Bank Int 65 Wdrwl	54.6	59.3
53.7	44.4	Finance & Property	49.3	51.6
77.7	67.1	Foreign Grth.	70.4	74.8
45.9	43.1	Gilt & Fixed	42.3	*44.4
72.0	65.7	Gilt & Fixed Accum.	65.9	*69.3
63.1	57.1	High Income	58.8	*60.7
137.1	126.8	High Income Accum.	127.2	*135.2
76.6	72.2	High Inc. 85 Wdrwl.	71.1	75.0
64.1	59.4	High Yield	59.8	64.0
155.7	145.2	High Yield Accum.	142.4	150.5
90.9	77.5	North America	75.4	*80.2
27.4	*25.8	Preference	25.7	27.4
80.6	74.5	Preference Accum	75.4	80.6
108.1	88.8	Smaller Companies	101.0	*108.0
112.5	93.9	Smaller Co's Accum.	107.4	*115.3
10.2	9.4	World Penny Share.	9.3	9.9
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64.9	57.1	U.K.	52.5	54.7
55.5	52.8	Japan	53.4	55.5
69.2	65.7	U.S.	67.2	69.6
60.3	51.8	Europe	57.5	59.5

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228.6	213.4	Fund	218.0	229.8
32.3	25.8	Growth Fund	31.6	33.5
38.2	33.8	High Yield Ex. Fd.	34.7	38.2

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73.0	58.5	AtlantaAm Spec Fnd	58.6	58.6
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57.5	45.4	AtlantaJap.FarEast	42.5	45.4

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107.0	82.5	Japan	87.8	93.5
148.1	107.1	American	131.8	140.4
205.2	176.8	Technology	176.9	189.2
198.5	165.0	Energy	165.9	176.6
153.9	146.3	Income Grth.	155.2	165.0

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89.7	75.2	Unic.Amer	78.6	*83.8
165.1	134.8	Unic. Asst.(Acc)	147.9	155.6
226.8	181.2	Unic Aggressive	197.1	215.3
387.7	287.0	Unic Cap.	297.6	316.2
336.4	268.3	Unic Exempt	231.2	233.2
58.8	54.2	Unic Extra Inc.	54.7	*58.1
199.3	180.3	Unic. Fin.	186.4	*198.1
208.3	189.1	Unic. 500	196.0	209.3
112.7	102.6	Unic. Gen	105.8	112.5
54.1	51.2	Unic.Gilt & Fix. Int	49.6	*52.2
137.7	89.9	Unic.Grth Fund (Acc)	92.6	98.7
110.3	95.1	Unic.Grth. Fnd. (Inc)	92.1	98.0
150.3	130.8	Unic Grth. Acc.	139.3	148.1
258.7	237.5	Unic. Inc	244.2	259.7
115.6	101.4	Unic. Special Sits.	108.9	115.8
170.7	136.6	Unic. Tec.	142.5	150.5
99.9	82.6	Unic. Trust	84.5	89.8
130.0	110.1	Unic. Worldwide	108.1	115.0
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65.1	59.0	Eastern	56.6	59.6
56.7	57.5	Europe	55.0	58.5
512.8	499.7	Growth & Inc Inc	492.5	512.8
757.9	713.7	Growth & Inc Acc.	727.6	757.9
48.3	45.3	Pacific Japan	45.2	48.3
70.5	59.0	Japan Special	67.5	*70.5
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125.5	119.0	Gen Fd Inc	118.9	125.1
157.5	155.9	Gen Fd Acc	154.3	165.7
69.1	64.4	High Yield Fd. Inc.	64.9	69.1
191.1	180.6	High Yield Fd Acc.	181.4	190.2
311.1	289.8	Smaller Cos Fd Inc.	294.3	313.1
361.6	331.5	Smaller Co's Fd Acc.	339.9	361.9
108.9	94.9	Pacific Fd Inc	99.9	106.9
121.7	105.8	Pacific Fd Acc	100.7	106.2
265.8	215.1	Nth Am Fd Inc	222.9	235.6
305.5	248.1	Nth Am Fd Acc.	252.5	265.9
265.8	237.5	European Fd Inc	239.5	252.5
351.4	287.5	European Fd Acc	298.3	314.5
115.1	108.7	Gilt Yield Fd Inc	108.5	111.8
162.6	153.2	Gilt Yield Fd Acc	156.2	161.1
154.5	131.4	Japan Fd Inc	128.5	*136.4
154.5	131.4	Japan Fd Acc	129.4	136.9

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758.1	623.9	Bishopsg Prog May 7	711.3	750.1
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183.4	149.1	Beckman Inv May 15	172.4	179.7
168.4	95.9	Accum Inv May 15	96.7	105.1
108.2	96.8	Accum May 15	100.1	106.7

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56.8	52.4	Fixed Int. Fund	57.4	59.8
116.4	99.4	Intl Growth & Inc Fd	107.8	112.4

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68.3	61.8	America Gen. Inc.	64.9	71.2
80.6	69.1	America Gen. Acc	68.3	71.6
189.5	167.7	Income Fund	161.4	168.7
116.2	101.4	Capital Inc	100.1	105.9
147.9	133.0	Capital Acc	130.0	138.3
261.0	246.0	Exempt	239.0	252.6
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88.1	71.4	AmericanSpecialSits	68.8	*73.4
65.1	63.9	Australian Growth	62.8	*66.9
159.9	148.3	Commodity Shares	143.3	*152.9
10.1	9.7	European Sm. Co's	9.4	10.0
55.7	55.2	Exempt	55.1	*58.2
69.9	63.8	Exempt Mkt Leaders	70.0	73.3
55.5	51.9	Extra Income	50.8	53.3
47.5	38.8	Far East	37.8	40.3
38.4	35.1	Financial Securities	35.4	37.7
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54.2	43.1	Gilt & Inc	*56.2	*59.2
226.6	194.1	Income Fund	91.8	95.8
52.5	51.7	North American	47.7	*50.2
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72.8	62.5	International	69.8	69.2
39.1	32.3	Global	34.3	*36.2
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44.1	35.8	British Trust (Dist).	41.0	43.6
32.2	27.7	Diamond Share Tst.	28.8	31.2
37.5	27.5	European Trust	27.2	29.0
39.9	30.6	Extra Income Trust	35.3	37.5
34.6	29.8	Far Eastern Trust	28.5	30.4
28.2	19.8	Fixed Interest Trust	24.5	25.1
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118.8	105.4	High Income Trust	103.1	108.7
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35.4	42.4	Income Fund	40.9	54.2
34.8	26.9	Japan Trust	27.4	29.7
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149.8	133.7	North American Tst.	135.3	*153.3
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178.8	159.3	Smaller Co's Tst	167.7	*178.5
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226.8	191.4	G.T. International. Fd.	186.0	198.4
177.3	135.7	G.T. Japan & Gen. Fd	129.8	138.9
130.4	115.5	G.T. Liquid Reserve	110.9	113.8
163.4	145.3	G.T. Pension Reserve	138.8	141.2
76.7	68.4	G.T. Tech & Grwth Fd	71.2	76.3
80.9	69.9	G.T. UK Capital Inc.	76.5	81.9
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22.4	18.4	Australian Trust	18.8	22.4
48.9	36.8	British Trust (Acc).	45.4	48.4
44.1	35.8	British Trust (Dist).	41.0	43.6
32.2	27.7	Diamond Share Tst.	28.8	31.2
37.5	27.5	European Trust	27.2	29.0
39.9	30.6	Extra Income Trust	35.3	37.5
34.6	29.8	Far Eastern Trust	28.5	30.4
28.2	19.8	Fixed Interest Trust	24.5	25.1
30.7	25.6	Gilt Trust	25.1	26.2
125.3	110.5	Global Fund (Acc).	109.4	116.4
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20.4	16.5	Gold Share Trust	17.8	19.1
118.8	105.4	High Income Trust	103.1	108.7
31.4	26.8	Hong Kong Trust	26.1	27.8
35.4	42.4	Income Fund	40.9	54.2
34.8	26.9	Japan Trust	27.4	29.7
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138.9	126.5	High Income	128.2	*138.9
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128.2	116.5	International	112.6	120.9
63.9	49.4	American Small Co's	47.5	*50.8
64.0	51.8	Pacific Smaller Co's.	52.8	56.4
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215.5	195.0	Income & Grth (Acc)	200.8	214.5
109.1	93.5	Special Sits.	101.4	108.4
158.8	138.6	Special Sits (

Sport... ON 5 PAGES

ENGLAND EAGER TO PORTRAY CORRECT IMAGE

By JOHN MASON in Whangarei

APPEALS by the police for tolerance, shivery waits on wind-blown airport runways and protest matches followed by anti-protest marches have left England's rugby players in a state of concerned neutrality after four eventful days in New Zealand this week.

"It is not that we are unaware of the issues," said Derek Morgan, England's manager, whose stamina in the past few days has defied belief. "But as guests, I consider we must confine ourselves to playing rugby not politics."

The decision of the New Zealand R F U to tour South Africa for 16 matches from late July onwards has provoked intense reactions throughout the country, for and against. Even rugby communities are divided.

It has to be appreciated that in New Zealand rugby football still possesses the importance of the F A Cup Final, the Derby, Wimbledon and a cricket series against Australia all rolled into one. As in a population of 3·3 million rugby touches most people, the image must be right.

Emotive clap-trap

The anti-South Africa lobby is well entrenched in the communications business in New Zealand, not a day passing without anything remotely detrimental being seized upon. Any stick to beat the apartheid system will do: facts do not count for a great deal. Emotive clap-trap reigns.

England's 26 players have been instructed not to get involved. Should matches be disrupted: it is their responsibility to avoid demonstrators as best they can.

"We spoke about this before we left home," added Mr Morgan, "and the instructions are clear. Don't get involved: don't be provocative; obey all instructions from the security services.

"The R F U's views about contact with South Africa are well known. Nor have those views altered since England toured there a year ago. I'm willing to discuss that point of view with anyone of any belief, provided I get reasonable notice."

To that end, Mr Morgan, on the eve of the opening game of the tour against North Auckland, met John Minto, who heads a group called H A R T—Halt All Racialist Tours—last night. His request to meet England players who have been to South Africa was not agreed.

Mr Minto said the meeting demonstrated an enlightened approach by a senior administrator of the English Rugby Union. This was in stark contrast to the attitudes of the New Zealand R F U who had consistently refused over a long period to meet H A R T officials.

The tour began last Tuesday with a bomb hoax an hour before England's party had arrived. As the aircraft was being quickly abandoned at Auckland, Bob Hesford, the No. 8, insisted that he had always wanted to go by road. It was, he said, a prettier ride.

NORTH AUCKLAND.—S. Bean; K. Woodman, P. Cooper, C. Going, T. Ngakuru; E. Hills or I. Dunn, C. Home; W. Le Clerc, F. Henare, M. Smith, H. Harvey, M. Budd, F. Lambourne, N. Ruddell, C. Phillips.

ENGLAND.—C. Martin (Bath); S. Smith (Wasps), P. Dodge (Leicester), J. Salmon (Harlequins), J. Goodwin (Moseley); S. Barnes (Bristol), N. Melville (Wasps); P. Huntsman (Headingley), S. Brain (Coventry), G. Pearce (Northampton), J. Orwin (Gloucester), W. Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), J. Hall (Bath), R. Hesford (Bristol), D. Cooke (Harlequins).

Referee: K. Lawrence.

Nigel Mansell, waiting for a modified version of the Honda engine, and (right) Nelson Piquet, whose Brabham keeps misfiring.

Cycling

CLUBMATES MAY TEST SANDERS

By PHIL LIGGETT

Peter Sanders, the Surrey international who next week leads the G B team in the Round Britain Milk Race, defends his overall lead in the Star Trophy series at Welwyn Garden City tomorrow.

Sanders swept into the lead of the season-long competition when he finished second behind his Manchester Wheelers clubmate Darryl Webster at Lincoln last week. He may again find his main rivals coming from his own club.

An excellent field of 60 for the V A T Watkins Grand Prix lacks only the handful of riders on international duty in the Peace Race and the 100 miles around a 10-mile circuit should ensure a fine battle.

Finest form

Trophy holder, Peter Longbottom, third at Lincoln, is enjoying his finest form for some seasons. He leads the England team in the Milk Race, which, by coincidence, passes through Welwyn Garden City on May 29.

The strong wind showed the Lincoln finishers to be far superior to their rivals last week. Perhaps Kevin Byers or Chris Walker, two promising youngsters from Yorkshire, will find the flatter course more to their liking.

Motor Racing

Misfire snag hits Piquet's hopes

By BRIAN ALLEN in Monaco

WHILE most of the Grand Prix drivers were socialising or relaxing around Monaco, Nelson Piquet was yesterday several miles away trying to track down a worrying ailment which threatens to dash his hopes of becoming world champion for the third time.

In this season's first three Grand Prix, the Brabhams of Piquet and Francois Hesnault have been suffering from a mystery misfire in their B M W engines. So far this year, neither driver has managed to get into the points.

Things are not looking too good for tomorrow's Monaco Grand Prix, with Piquet currently 13th on the grid and Hesnault so far unqualified.

Persistent trouble

Determined to pinpoint the reason for the misfire which has persisted despite all the efforts of B M W engine experts, the team left Monaco yesterday morning to helicopter to the Paul Ricard circuit, further along the Mediterranean coast.

There they spent the day with the team's fourth car, concentrating on the electronic management system, which they believe to be the heart of the trouble.

"We simply have to get it right," said a team member. "We are hoping to have the answer before the final qualifying session on Saturday afternoon."

The current Honda V6 engine in the Williams driven by Nigel Mansell and Keke Rosberg may be making its last race appearance tomorrow.

A significantly modified version has been bench-tested and will be tried out in a car within a few days.

SCOTT LEADS BRITISH HOPES

Only David Scott and Andrew Wallace of the five British entries have qualified for today's 24-lap Formula 3 race in the supporting programme for the Monaco Grand Prix.

Scott, in a Mint Engineering Ralt, is sixth on the grid and Wallace, lying second in the British Formula 3 series, 10th in a Swallow Reynard. Frenchmen Pierre Petit and Pierre Henri Raphanel have the top positions.

Gary Evans, Tim Davies and Steve Harrington failed to obtain one of the 22 places for the most important Formula 3 race of the year.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LGE. — Wales Conference Finals: Philadelphia 3, Quebec 0 (Philadelphia win series 4-2). Campbell Conference Finals: Edmonton 8, Chicago Black Hawks 2 (Edmonton win series 4-2).

Lawn Tennis

BATTLING BATES IN FINAL

By BILL EDWARDS

SHOWING more determination than at any time on the five-week L T A tennis circuit, Jeremy Bates beat his great rival Peter Lundgren of Sweden to reach today's Masters' final at Lee-on-Solent.

But now he must face another Swede, Christer Allgardh, who beat Simon Youl of Australia 6-1, 6-3.

Bates battled through two-and-three-quarter hours to win 6-4, 4-6, 11-9, and admitted afterwards that it was one of the most nerve-racking matches he has ever played.

There were times when it looked as though he had gone, but he produced some remarkable shots to stay in the game.

Lob disputed

His most dangerous position was when he lost the second set on a lob, which he thought was long. He was most unhappy and played a bad game to start the final set before pulling himself together.

Lundgren also played some wonderful shots in a nail-biting encounter which swung from side to side in the final set.

In the women's event, Ni Zhong of China, who had to qualify, beat Daniela Moise (Rumania) 6-3, 6-1, to reach the final, where she plays Elna Reinach, who dismissed her South African colleague, Dinky Van Rensburg 6-4, 6-3.

Michael Walker, of Wales, and Jo Louis, of Devon, both 18, were chosen as the players who have shown the most progress and promise in attitude and sportsmanship during the L T A *spring* circuit, and have won a silver salver and cheque for £750, under the sponsorship of Dewhurst, the meat company.

This is the second Dewhurst award and the second time a Welshman has won.

SEMI-FNL.—C. Allgardh (Sweden) bt S. Youl (Australia) 6—1, 6—3; J. Bates bt P. Lundgren (Sweden) 6-4, 4-6, 11—9.

MEN'S DOUBLES.—Semi-fnl: H. Kratzmann & S. Youl (Australia) bt J. Goodall & M. Walker 6—3, 6—2; J. Bates & D. Felgate bt J. Dier and N. Fulwood 6—2, 4—6, 6—3.

WOMEN'S.—Semi-fnl: E. Reinach (S Africa) bt D. Van Rensburgh (S Africa) 6—4, 6—3; N. Zhong (China) bt D. Moise (Rumania) 6—3, 6—1.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES. — Semi-fnl: E. Reinach & M. Reinach (S Africa) bt S. Mair & C. Wood 6—1, 6—4; B. Borgier & J. Tacon bt X. Li & N. Zhong (China) 6—3, 3—6, 6—3.

Athletics

Coe defends 800m title

By KEN MAYS

SEBASTIAN COE, the double Olympic 1500 metres champion, returns to 800m competition when he runs in the Middlesex Championships at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium, Enfield today.

Coe won the event last year in 1 min. 45·2 sec., a county record and, at the time, the fastest two laps of the year. Today he sets out in the heats at 11.50 a.m. and should be set to retain his title by mid-afternoon.

The championships, for the first time combined with the womens' event, will spread over two days with several other international stars competing.

Ade Mafe has entered the 200m where he should have a tremendous tussle with Linford Christie while Wendy Sly, the Olympic 3,000m silver medallist who has just returned from the U.S. has entered for both the 800 and 1500m.

Eamonn Martin, winner of the IAG 10 kilometre race on Sunday has entered for the 1500m at the Essex Championships at Thurrock while the two day Kent championships began at Crystal Palace.

Shireen Bailey, Britain's second fastest woman over 800m, will be running the 400m, at which she set a county record in the heats earlier this week, and the 800m when the Surrey championships finally end at Motspur Park.

Noah beats injury to outwit Clerc

By JOHN PARSONS in Rome

AT least once every year the Italian Championships can be relied upon to descend into pure farce and near pandemonium. It happened again yesterday, while Yannick Noah was beating an injury and Jose-Luis Clerc to reach the semi-finals in Rome.

What seemed to be heading for a placid, runaway success for the Frenchman, when he led by a set and a break, suddenly became one of those classic noisy, arm-waving Foro Italico eruptions after Noah pulled a thigh muscle.

The frenzied Latin arguments over when and how often Noah could be allowed extra time between games for injury, had barely died down when chaos *reigned again after* a linesman, who had just insisted that a gall was in, promptly decreed, with equal force, that it was out.

Noah, who eventually won 6-1, 7-5 to guarantee himself a seeding in Paris, providing he is fit, was understandably anxious after hurting himself at the end of the first set.

Pulled muscle

He has spent most of the last year either injured or in the process of rehabilitation and though it later transpired to be a pulled thigh muscle which may not be too serious, he quickly summoned assistance from Bill Norris, the A T P trainer, rather than take undue risk.

Norris applied a freezing spray on the thigh, but was then called a way to tape the slightly damaged ankle of Mats Wilander before a doubles. So when Noah requested the one three-minute injury delay he is permitted at 2-4, he was missing.

By the time the umpire had announced there would b a stoppage and supervisor Franco Bartoni had pushed Noah back saying there would not be one until Norris returned, more than the permitted 90 seconds changeover time had elapsed.

Clerc, hardly renowned for his sportsmanship, used that as an excuse to protest loud and long when Noah, who thereafter looked reassured and much more mobile again, took his treatment time after the next game, in which he also crucially broke back to 5-4.

Change of mind

It was a huge storm in a tea-cup which the players and the 10,000 crowd milked for all it was worth, as they did when the linesman confuse everyone—not least the excitable umpire, Peppino Di Stefano—with his change of mind over a point which should have made Clerc 0-30 at 5-5.

In the end, after more arguing between Noah, the umpire and the supervisor—whose apparent reluctance to become involved, either in a final ruling which was patently wrong, or after the Frenchman thumped his fist angrily on a courtside fridge—prompted Clerc to ask of him later: "Is he a monkey, a referee or what?"

Noah, 25 today, has defaulted from the doubles, but still expects to play his partner Boris Becker, 17, in the singles.

QTR-FINALS. — Y. Noah (France) bt J.-L. Clerc (Argentina) 6-1, 7-5; B. Becker (W. Germany) bt J. Gunnarson (Sweden) 6-4, 6-4; M. Wilander (Sweden) bt H. Sundstrom (Sweden) 7-5, 6-2.

MADRID OPEN. — 3rd rd: L. Duncan (U.S.) bt M. Ingaramo (Argentina) 6-2, 6-2; A. Mansdorf (Israel) bt C. Limberger (Australia) 2-6, 6-3, 6-4; A. Maurer (W. Germany) bt D. de Miguel (Spain) 6-4, 6-2; K. Novacek (Czechoslovakia) bt R. Agenor (Haiti) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3.

LLOYD IS TESTED BY BONDER

By A Special Correspondent in West Berlin

CHRIS LLOYD toiled for almost two hours before defeating American teenager Lisa Bonder 5-7, 6-0, 6-2 to reach her allotted place in the semi-finals of the Fila German Open in West Berlin.

Mrs Lloyd, the top seed, had to have all her wits about her as Miss Bonder, ranked 23, threatened to take command after controlling the numerous long baseline rallies—many of which lasted for more than 20 shots—to win the first in 43 minutes.

Mrs Lloyd quickly hit back to break Miss Bonder's serve to 15 in the opening game of the second set. At that stage it seemed as if Miss Bonder's bubble was beginning to burst.

But the match actually turned on the next game, which lasted an energy-sapping 15 minutes. In that time Miss Bonder had four break points but failed to convert them. Then as if to signal that Mrs Lloyd wasn't going to stand for any more nonsense she finished the game off — on her sixth game point — with her only ace of the match.

Mrs Lloyd will face another teenage American Kathy Rinaldi, 18, in today's semi-finals. Miss Rinaldi ousted third seed Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 2-6, 6-2, 6-3.

The other semi-final is an all-West German affair with fourth seed Steffi Graf, 15, who overwhelmed Kathleen Horvath 6-1, 6-3, facing Bettina Bunge, 21, who defeated the defending champion and second seed Claudia Kohde-Kilsch 7-5, 7-6.

QUARTER-FINALS. — K. Rinaldi (US) bt C. Lindqvist (Sweden) 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; S. Graf (W Germany) bt K. Horvath (US) 6-1, 6-3; C. Lloyd (US) bt L. Bonder (US) 5-7, 6-0, 6-2; B. Bunge (W Germany) bt Claudia Kohde-Kilsch (W Germany) 7-5, 7-6.

SHRIVER REACHES SEMI-FINALS

Pam Shriver, the top seed, shrugged off a nagging shoulder ailment and defeated Ann Henricksson 6-3, 6-7, 6-4 in a quarter-final of the women's Victorian Indoor Lawn Tennis Championships in Melbourne yesterday.

The second seed, Kathy Jordan, also reached the semi-finals with a 6-2, 6-4 victory over Sharon Walsh in another all-American match, and Barbara Potter, of the United States, defeated Ros Fairbank, of South Africa, 6-2, 6-3.

WOMEN'S VICTORIAN CH'SHIPS (Melbourne).—Qtr-finals: P. Shriver (US) bt A. Henricksson (US) 6-3, 6-7, 6-4; K. Jordan (US) bt S. Walsh (US) 6-2, 6-4; B. Potter (US) bt R. Fairbank (S Africa) 6-2, 6-3; A. Croft (GB) bt A. Brown (GB) 6-3, 6-4.

Scots face an unknown quantity

A Scottish rugby team will be playing in will be playing in Alberta for the first time when the national touring side meet the Canadian Wolverines today.

Only three of the Wolverines, a club set up as a Canadian version of the Barbarians, are known to the Scots.

Hans de Goede led Vancouver Island and British Columbia against the tourists in the first and second matches, Pat Kyle also played in those games, and Gordon McKinnon was in the British Columbia team who beat the tourists 22-15 on Saturday.

Colin Telfer, the Scots' coach, does not, however, see it as a drawback that so little is known about the opposition. "Let them worry about us," is his attitude.

Going into today's match, the Scots have made almost a complete change from the side who beat the Pacific Coast Grizzlies 32-6 in Seattle on Tuesday. Of the 10 who did not play in that game, only Alan Tait, 20, the Kelso centre, is not in the team for today.

He is still suffering from blisters on his right heel, an injury received in the opening match against Vancouver Island a week last Wednesday.

Three other injured players, Iain Paxton, Rob Cunningham and Brian Edwards, return after having withdrawn from the 15 originally chosen for the match against the Grizzlies.

Canadian Wolverines.—M. Dufresne; K. Karwandy, R. O'Hagan, J. Mooney, S. Gray; G. Haruyama, I. St Clare; W. Spofford, G. Scott, P. Kyle, H. de Goede (capt), D. Pruuty, G. McKinnon, B. Dickson, T. Sinclair.

Scotland.—A. G. Hastings; P. W. Dods, D. Wyllie, B. Edwards, I. Tukalo; C. W. Gass, D. Macdonald; A. K. Brewster, R. Cunningham, N. A. Rowan, H. M. Parker, A. J. Tomes, S. K. McGaughey, I. Paxton, D. G. Leslie (capt).

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159·2	152·6	Deposit	—	158·2
245·6	234·5	Mixed	—	245·6
119·5	112·3	Index Stock	—	116·1
134·0	126·0	International	—	128·1
Pensions				
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201·5	186·9	Fixed Int. (P)	—	199·6
147·9	144·8	Property (P)	—	147·9
141·0	136·2	Deposit (P)	—	141·0
301·2	280·3	Mixed (P)	—	301·2
119·0	113·0	Index Stock (P)	—	115·4
137·4	125·2	International (P)	—	127·2

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[illegible]	173·9	Deposit	170·3	179·3
[illegible]	232·0	International	240·5	252·9
151·8	134·8	Investment	128·4	134·8
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126·2	108·1	Australasian Bds	113·8	119·0
155·8	144·4	Commodity Bds	147·4	154·9
206·2	200·8	Deposit Bonds	196·3	206·2
191·6	174·4	Equity Bonds-Bons	182·2	191·4
429·9	380·5	Equity Bonds-Acc	408·2	428·7
229·3	206·2	Extra Yield Bonds	216·6	227·5
148·6	129·6	Far Eastern Bonds	132·1	138·9
212·7	191·1	Gilt Bonds	199·9	210·0
118·5	98·8	Gold Bonds	103·4	108·6
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118·4	107·9	Index-Linked Bds	103·7	109·1
305·6	272·8	International Bonds	273·5	287·5
135·4	126·6	Japan Bonds	127·8	134·5
132·1	112·2	Japan Smllr Co's Bds	109·6	115·4
349·8	329·2	Managed Bonds	332·9	349·6
266·3	251·2	Property Bonds	254·6	267·5
211·5	175·6	Recovery Bonds	195·1	202·9
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[illegible]	311·9	Equity	327·8	345·2
[illegible]	234·1	Gilt	238·6	251·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gold	99·0	101·0
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117·9	108·0	International	111·8	117·8
125·5	115·3	Japan	111·8	117·8
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116·7	107·4	Deposit Acc	110·6	116·7
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124·5	115·0	Acc. Intnl	113·2	119·0
120·5	111·0	Initial Intnl	108·6	115·0
104·0	99·5	Acc Property	96·0	101·5
103·5	98·5	Initial Property	96·0	101·5
114·0	105·5	Acc Mmifund	107·0	113·0
112·5	105·0	Initial Mmifund	105·0	111·0
114·0	110·5	Pens Acc Mngd	106·5	112·5
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174·1	161·0	Fixed Int	163·0	171·6
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105·0	100·0	Property Acc	97·9	103·0
106·2	98·9	Fixed Interest Acc	99·1	104·3
102·8	100·0	Money Acc	97·7	102·8
103·4	100·0	Build Soc. Link Acc	98·3	103·4
105·6	99·4	Special Mnged. Acc	100·4	105·6
Phoenix/Framlington				
106·8	95·1	Intnl. Grth. Acc	92·2	97·0
105·3	94·1	American & Gen Acc	93·0	97·9
113·6	100·0	Capital Tst. Acc	108·0	113·6
110·4	91·1	Japan & Gen. Acc	89·7	94·4
106·2	93·9	American Turn. Acc	91·7	96·5
111·0	100·0	Recovery Tst. Acc	102·0	107·3
106·2	98·9	Special Mnnl. Acc	98·3	103·4
Phoenix/GT				
106·6	93·1	International Acc	91·5	96·3
108·5	92·5	U.S & General Acc	94·8	99·7
107·3	92·3	Technol. & Grth. Acc	83·1	87·4
108·2	89·1	Japan & General Acc	85·9	90·5
108·0	86·1	Far East & Gen. Acc	85·5	90·4
111·7	98·3	U K Capital Acc	106·2	111·7
105·5	94·9	European Acc	92·2	97·0
103·3	96·8	Special Mngd. Acc	94·2	99·1

PROPERTY GROWTH ASSURANCE CO. LTD
Leon House, Croydon, CR9 1LU 01-680 0606

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
292·3	281·3	Property Fund	292·3	—
292·7	280·0	Property Fund (A)	292·7	—
1183·0	1121·63	Agricultural Fund	1045·7	—
1129·0	1121·29	Agric. Fund (A)	1010·7	—
242·3	235·1	Abbey Nat. Fund	241·3	—
239·7	214·4	Abbey Nat Fd. (A)	239·7	—
161·7	155·3	Investment Fund	159·5	—
158·1	151·9	Investment Fd. (A)	158·9	—
568·2	523·0	Equity Fund	563·5	—
553·7	511·2	Equity Fund (A)	550·8	—
245·3	226·0	Money Fund	244·3	—
237·9	221·0	Money Fund (A)	237·9	—
239·5	225·5	Actuarial Fund	239·4	—
206·1	195·1	Gilt-Edged Fund	203·7	—
206·1	195·1	Gilt Edged Fd (A)	203·7	—
297·5	285·7	Retire Annuity	296·8	—
203·0	190·5	Immediate Ann'ty	203·0	—
216·8	206·6	International Fund	208·9	—
216·8	206·6	Interna. Fd (A)	206·5	—
118·9	114·6	Bld. Soc Life Fd	118·9	—
Property Growth Pensions & Annuities Ltd.				
340·7	306·9	All Wthr. Acc Uts	323·4	340·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Inv. Fd. Uts	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pension Fd. Uts	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv. Pns. Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Cnv. Pns. Cap. Ut	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man. Pens. Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Man. Pens. Cap. Ut	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prop. Pens. Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Prop. Pens. Cap. Ut	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bldg. Soc. Pen. Ut	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Bldg. Soc. Cap. Ut	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilts Pens. Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gilts Pens. Fd. Cap	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Pens. Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Equity Pens. Fd. Cap	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Intl Pens Fd	[illegible]	—
[illegible]	[illegible]	Intl. Pens. Fd. Cap	[illegible]	—

PROVIDENT MUTUAL LIFE ASSURANCE ASSOCIATION
Wilton Road, Hitchin, Herts SG4 0LP 0462 733000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
171·7	162·7	Managed Ord	162·9	171·5
159·0	152·2	Managed Init	149·6	157·5
216·0	195·4	Equity Ord	205·2	216·0
199·3	181·6	Equity Init	188·4	199·3
112·4	105·1	Index Lnk Gilt Ord	104·3	109·8
106·3	102·4	Index Lnk Gilt Init	100·0	105·3
188·4	164·3	O'seas Equity Ord	166·0	174·7
174·2	152·6	O'seas Equity Init	152·4	160·4
123·5	123·6	Property Ord	117·3	123·5
115·6	112·0	Property Init	107·7	113·4
128·4	120·4	Fixed Interest Ord	121·0	127·4
123·1	116·6	Fixed Interest Init	111·1	116·9
116·7	115·6	Deposit Ord	110·9	116·7
107·2	103·6	Deposit Init	101·8	107·2
186·8	175·5	Pen Managed Ord	177·2	186·5
177·6	169·1	Pen Managed Init	162·7	171·3
241·5	215·4	Pen Equity Ord	229·3	241·4
221·6	200·0	Pen Equity Init	210·4	221·7
115·4	107·7	Pen Intl Lkd GiltOrd	107·0	112·6
111·2	104·4	Pen Intl Lkd GiltInit	102·8	108·2
203·6	176·7	Pen O'seas Eqty Ord	178·0	187·4
188·2	162·5	Pen O'seas Eqty Init	163·6	172·1
131·3	127·4	Pen Property Ord	124·7	131·3
120·5	118·4	Pen Property Init	114·5	120·5
133·5	122·5	Pen Fixed Int Ord	124·5	130·6
122·4	114·3	Pen Fixed Int Init	114·1	120·1
128·1	123·5	Pen Deposit Ord	122·6	128·1
118·5	113·1	Pen Deposit Init	112·6	118·5

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria. LA9 4BE 0539 23415

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
370·9	344·3	Managed Fund	345·6	364·2
407·1	369·8	Equity Fund	374·9	395·1
234·7	206·4	High Income Fund	222·7	234·7
216·0	191·0	International Fund	188·8	198·8
308·5	297·8	Special Sits Fund	289·5	304·9
215·6	195·2	Fixed Interest Fd	198·0	210·7
257·0	226·8	Technology Fund	214·6	225·8
254·8	222·2	Nth American Fund	220·3	234·3
248·3	201·6	Far Eastern Fund	198·0	210·7
130·0	113·3	Extra Income Fd	123·3	130·0
283·1	272·4	Man Pension Acc Fd	275·2	289·7

PRUDENTIAL ASSURANCE COMPANY

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
150·0	148·0	Prufund Man. Fd	143·7	149·7

PRUDENTIAL PENSION LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
196·7	186·1	Prulink Man. Fd	188·6	196·5
157·4	131·3	Prulink Cash Fd	131·9	137·4

REFUGE INVESTMENTS LIMITED

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
184·2	177·5	Managed Fd	174·9	184·2
100·1	100·0	Man Pen Fd	95·0	100·1
148·5	143·0	Property Fd	141·0	148·5
100·0	100·0	Prop Pen Fd	95·0	100·0

ROYAL LIFE INSURANCE LTD
New Hall Place, Liverpool. L69 3HS 051-227 4422

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
436·6	410·7	Royal Shield Fd	412·0	435·9

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LINKED ASS.) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
178·5	166·1	Managed Fd	169·3	178·2
217·2	202·1	Equity Fd	205·8	216·6
140·9	135·7	Property Fd	133·6	140·6
259·7	221·3	International Fd	220·4	232·0
143·6	135·6	Gilt Fd	134·8	141·8
119·6	116·6	Money Fd	115·9	119·6
127·8	107·6	U.S. Fd	108·6	114·3
119·0	104·6	Pacific Basin Fd	104·6	110·1

ROYAL LIFE (UNIT LKD PEN. FD) LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
166·7	155·0	Exempt Man. Fd	158·2	166·5
260·8	223·9	Exempt Eqty Fd	247·5	260·5
151·6	135·0	Exempt Prop. Fd	124·8	131·4
336·6	284·7	Exempt Intnl. Fd	295·2	300·8
158·2	135·9	Exempt Gilt Fd	129·9	136·7
128·1	122·4	Exempt Money Fd	121·7	128·1

ROYAL LONDON MUTUAL INS. SOC. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
316·6	298·6	R. L. Mixed Fd	305·6	316·2
106·2	100·0	R.L. Equity Fund	100·8	106·2

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
103·2	95·7	Global Equity	93·9	99·4
320·5	304·9	Property	303·8	320·5
394·4	302·5	Balanced Inv	304·0	321·7
254·4	239·9	Gilt	239·1	255·1
60·5	58·8	Property Pension	57·1	60·5
73·4	68·2	Equity Pension	69·3	73·4
89·9	85·0	Managed Pension	85·0	89·9
81·8	74·9	Global Equity Pen	73·9	78·3

SCHRODER LIFE GROUP
Enterprise House, Portsmouth 0705 327733

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
220·4	170·3	American (4)	198·1	208·5
146·5	108·5	Australian	124·4	130·9
280·9	212·4	CCM Vanged Man (4)	265·5	279·4
199·9	180·7	Deposit (4)	189·0	199·0
626·5	500·1	Equity (4)	587·6	618·5
205·5	176·1	European (4)	190·3	200·3
279·4	246·0	Fixed Int. (4)	259·7	273·5
219·3	195·0	Income (Dist. (4)	208·4	219·3
281·2	209·0	Income Accum. (4)	267·2	281·2
217·4	180·0	International (4)	182·3	192·0
332·0	275·8	Managed (4)	310·4	326·7
302·2	285·1	Property (4)	287·1	302·2
180·5	133·0	Singapore & Malay (4)	136·5	143·6
275·4	214·1	Smaller Co's (4)	254·4	268·8
216·0	199·0	Tokyo (4)	203·3	213·9
258·2	193·0	U.K. Equity (4)	243·4	256·2
124·5	108·6	Deposit Pension (C)	118·3	124·5
375·0	282·2	Equity Pensions (C)	351·8	369·4
230·9	196·2	Fixed Int. Pen. (C)	212·9	224·1
126·9	109·4	Guaranteed Pen. (C)	120·6	126·9
109·8	93·5	Index-Lnk.Gilt P.(C)	102·8	108·2
126·3	100·0	International Pen (C)	106·5	112·1
824·0	659·9	Managed Pension (C)	777·7	817·5
268·4	241·9	Property Pen. (C)	255·0	268·4
225·0	165·7	Spec.Ex'pt Pen. (C)	215·0	226·6

SCOTTISH AMICABLE LIFE ASS. SOCIETY
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041-248 2323

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
202·5	191·5	Managed	191·9	202·1
167·1	157·5	Fixed Interest	152·3	161·6
247·8	225·8	Equity	234·7	247·1
220·4	193·3	International	194·6	204·9
132·7	128·5	Property	120·7	127·3
115·9	108·5	Index-Lin'd Gilt Fd	106·4	112·1
157·8	151·9	Exempt Man. Fd. Im.	149·9	155·6
161·5	157·0	Exempt Man. Fd. Ac.	151·5	161·1
150·1	142·0	Exempt Fx. In. Fd. It.	140·5	147·7
192·5	170·9	Exe'pt Fx. In. Fd. Ac	171·0	180·0
201·9	170·4	Exempt Eq'ty Fd. Int	179·6	189·1
222·2	193·2	Exe'pt Eq'ty FdAcm	211·6	222·6
156·6	144·4	Exempt Intl. Fd. Int	144·7	152·4
200·5	171·1	ExemptIntl. Fd. Acm	176·5	185·8
97·7	92·5	ExemptProp. Fd. Int	87·6	92·3
116·0	112·4	ExemptPropFd. Acc.	106·7	112·4
131·4	127·8	Cash Fund	124·8	131·4
114·3	111·9	Exempt Cash Fund	108·4	114·2

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
31 St Andrew Sq., Edinburgh EH2 2OZ 031-556-9101

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
225·7	205·1	Mixed	213·1	224·4
254·9	214·7	Equity	250·9	264·2
134·1	125·2	Fixed Int	124·9	131·5
225·8	205·1	International	224·3	236·2
124·8	102·5	Property	118·4	124·7
115·5	108·2	Index linked	108·5	115·3
125·35	120·0	Cash	119·3	125·35
120·6	108·4	Edinburgh Inv.	115·7	122·0
118·2	91·1	Edinburgh Am.	112·7	118·2
[illegible]	[illegible]	Baillie Gifford Jap.	102·1	107·6

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh. 031-556 9101

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·5	113·6	Managed	112·2	118·2
110·1	108·1	Property	104·5	110·1
133·0	122·7	U.K. Equity	126·2	133·0
162·2	131·5	American	133·3	140·4
130·5	107·5	Pacific	105·6	111·3
125·4	115·5	European	116·2	122·4
138·7	119·9	International	117·9	124·2
106·7	104·1	Fixed Int.	99·2	104·6
110·2	104·6	Index Linked	101·2	106·7
107·6	104·8	Deposit	102·1	107·6
113·8	111·4	Pens Property	108·1	113·8
140·8	128·0	Pens U.K. Equity	133·7	140·8
174·8	136·0	Pens American	141·5	149·0
136·9	109·5	Pens Pacific	108·3	114·1
131·9	120·2	Pens European	120·9	127·4
147·1	124·7	Pens International	123·8	130·4
109·5	101·7	Pens Fixed Int	101·6	107·3
118·2	105·9	Pens Index Linked	103·7	109·3
112·9	107·8	Pens Deposit	107·1	112·9
123·1	118·3	Pens Managed	116·8	123·1

SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INSTITUTION
6, St Andrew Square, Edinburgh 031-556 9181

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
122·0	116·6	Mixed	114·8	120·9
154·6	132·9	Equity	127·7	134·6
147·2	121·6	International	118·6	124·9
116·9	108·8	Property	110·9	116·8
108·6	101·6	Fixed Int	101·5	106·9
108·8	102·3	Index Linked	99·7	105·1
109·3	108·4	Cash	103·7	109·3
119·5	114·4	Pen Mixed Init	112·1	118·1
124·4	118·6	Pen Mixed Ord	117·6	123·9
134·8	122·4	Pen Equity Initial	128·0	134·8
141·2	126·7	Pen Equity Ord	134·1	141·2
147·1	121·3	Pen Intl Initial	116·5	122·6
153·5	127·0	Pen Intl Ord	122·1	128·6
115·8	107·4	Pen Prop Init	109·9	115·7
121·5	111·5	Pen Prop Ord	115·4	121·5
108·1	118·7	Pen Fix Int Init	101·4	106·8
114·0	105·4	Pen Fix Int Ord	106·2	111·9
108·0	99·4	Pen I.L. Init	96·7	101·7
110·1	103·4	Pen I.L. Ord	101·8	107·3
109·1	105·6	Pen Cash Init	103·5	109·1
114·6	109·7	Pen Cash Ord	108·7	114·6

SCOTTISH WIDOWS GROUP
P.O. Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU. 031-655 6000

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·9	324·8	Inv Pol 1	331·9	351·9
331·9	317·1	Inv Pol 2	321·8	338·8
307·2	296·2	Inv Pol 3	303·1	319·1
179·5	165·7	Inv PolCash	155·6	165·6
188·1	178·7	Mixed Fd	178·7	188·1
282·3	259·7	Equity Fd	280·1	292·1
133·7	131·4	Prop Fd	128·9	133·7
176·2	155·8	Intnl Fd	151·7	159·6
169·1	161·7	Fix Int Fd	157·3	166·3
117·0	108·0	Ind Stk Fd	107·0	113·0
128·8	124·8	Cash Fd	121·7	128·2
217·4	206·0	Pen Mxd Ord	206·0	216·9
251·8	223·4	Pen Eq Ord	237·5	250·1
147·7	144·8	Pen Prop Ord	140·2	147·7
182·6	173·5	Pen Intl Ord	173·3	182·5
189·2	180·2	Pen FI Ord	180·9	189·9
122·7	116·8	Pen Ind St Ord	113·5	119·5
154·8	143·7	Pen Cash Ord	143·7	150·3
889·7	848·6	PM Man.	854·7	889·7
913·4	869·6	PM Stk Ex	918·7	913·7
135·3	134·5	P M Prop	129·3	135·3
159·9	154·0	PM Cash	153·9	159·9
425·9	403·6	Ex Unit Acc	405·6	413·1

SKANDIA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED
Frobisher House, Nelson Gate, Southampton. 0703 334411

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
191·0	175·3	Managed Life Acc.	173·6	182·7
236·3	218·4	Managed PensionsAc	212·2	223·4
217·1	191·3	InternationalLifeAcc	189·1	199·0
259·5	237·0	Internationl PensAcc	230·9	254·1
121·4	112·0	ArbuthnotManLifeAc	114·8	120·8
126·6	115·9	Arbuthnot Pens.Acc.	120·3	126·6
106·4	99·7	BritanniaManLifeAc	99·6	104·8
128·9	112·5	BritanniaPensionAc	114·2	120·2
115·5	105·2	FramlingtonManLifeAc	106·6	111·1
135·5	128·5	FramlingtonPensAcc	124·3	130·8
113·9	101·7	GartmoreManLifeAc	105·6	110·5
132·5	121·9	Gartmore Pens.Acc.	121·2	127·5
115·3	104·4	HendersonManLifeAc	109·3	115·0
130·9	120·3	Henderson Pens.Acc.	117·8	124·0
112·7	106·1	TSBManagedLifeAcc	103·3	108·7
129·1	116·3	TSB Pensions Acc.	114·9	120·1
208·8	186·6	Equity Life Acc.	188·7	198·7
260·0	232·5	Equity Pensions Acc.	247·0	260·0
158·5	153·7	Gilt Plus Life Acc.	149·4	157·2
197·6	180·6	Gilt Plus Pens. Acc.	186·1	195·8
150·4	147·4	Property Life Acc.	142·9	150·4
191·6	185·6	Property Pens. Acc.	182·0	191·6
152·1	148·1	Deposit Life Acc.	144·5	152·1
198·4	188·1	Deposit Pensions Acc	189·0	197·9

STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
3, George St., Edinburgh, EH2 2XZ 031-225 2552

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
280·8	262·2	Managed	265·6	279·6
180·9	173·3	Property	171·6	180·6
373·4	333·8	Equity	351·4	370·5
288·7	246·0	International	241·3	254·0
135·5	125·8	Fixed Interest	124·9	131·5
348·6	326·7	Pens. Mngd	331·7	349·2
479·9	427·0	Pens. Equity	454·6	478·6
369·5	313·2	Pens Intnl	309·2	325·5
112·2	105·7	Index-Linked	105·5	111·1
151·7	137·4	Cash	144·1	151·7
192·2	180·7	Pens Property	182·5	192·2
215·5	199·5	Pens Fixed Interest	201·3	212·0
115·3	105·4	Pens Index-Linked	105·6	111·4
180·0	172·4	Pens Cash	171·0	180·0

SUN ALLIANCE LINKED LIFE INSURANCE LTD
Sun Alliance House, Horsham. 0403-64141

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
Life Funds				
407·4	378·6	Equity	385·7	406·0
232·5	227·7	Fixed Interest	217·3	228·8
238·6	240·5	International	238·5	251·1
315·1	296·2	Managed	295·2	310·8
265·5	242·0	Property	250·5	265·5
165·9	161·6	Deposit	157·6	165·9
136·0	127·8	Index Linked	127·4	134·2
134·6	98·5	North America	97·0	102·2
116·9	96·5	Far East	99·5	104·8
133·57	127·50	International Bond	—	132·32
Pension Funds				
226·5	204·5	Equity	213·1	224·4
199·8	183·6	Fixed Interest	185·8	195·6
147·7	143·3	Property	140·3	147·7
206·3	195·2	Managed	194·4	204·7
160·9	148·0	Index Linked	148·6	156·5
245·2	205·9	International	203·6	214·4
139·0	138·7	Deposit	132·0	139·0

SUN LIFE ASSURANCE CO. OF CANADA (UK) LTD
2, 3, & 4, Cockspur St., London SW1Y 5BH 01-930 5400

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
885·0	837·6	Growth Account	—	885·0
351·4	317·9	Managed Account	—	329·6
411·9	388·9	Equity Account	—	411·2
166·6	150·0	Maple Leaf Mngd. Fd	157·4	165·7
197·1	184·6	Maple Leaf Eq. Fd	186·9	196·7
146·7	138·8	MapleLeafFix. In. Fd	136·7	143·9
133·8	126·6	MapleLeaf Prop. Fd	127·1	133·8
122·6	119·6	MapleLeafMoneyFd	116·1	122·2
225·5	200·4	Maple Leaf Intnl Fd	198·6	209·1
120·6	113·4	Maple Leaf In Lnkd Fd	110·9	115·0
617·8	577·1	Personal Pens. Accnt	—	617·8
302·8	282·9	Pensions Mngd. Acc.	287·7	302·8
102·5	100·0	Pens. Guaranteed Fd	97·5	102·5
105·7	100·8	Pens. Equity Fd	100·4	105·7
102·6	100·0	Pens. Property Fd	97·6	102·6
106·1	101·0	Pens. Fixed Int. Fd	99·4	104·7
107·1	98·5	Pens. Intnl. Fd	87·7	92·4
103·0	100·0	Pens. Money Fd	97·5	102·6
104·3	100·0	Pens. Index Link Fd	96·2	101·3

SUN LIFE UNIT ASSURANCE LTD
St James Barton, Bristol BS99 7SL 0272-426911

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
339·0	321·2	Managed Acc.	320·2	337·1
207·3	205·3	Property Acc.	196·7	207·1
474·8	443·2	Equity Acc.	448·4	472·0
190·1	179·2	Fixed Interest Acc.	177·7	187·1
110·2	105·4	Index-Linked Acc.	104·1	109·6
173·7	168·8	Cash Acc.	165·0	173·7
213·7	165·5	AmericanEquity Acc.	182·2	191·8
124·2	108·3	U.S. Bonds Acc.	106·6	112·2
124·8	112·6	Japan Acc.	110·5	116·4
128·2	105·5	Pacific Acc.	112·1	118·1
258·3	235·2	Far Eastern Acc.	245·3	258·3
259·3	225·0	International Acc.	228·0	240·1
135·7	107·2	U.S. Dollar Acc.	104·0	109·5
113·9	100·0	Yen Acc.	96·3	102·1
107·0	100·4	European Curr. Acc.	95·6	100·7
136·1	144·7	Distribution	143·2	*150·8

SUN LIFE PENSIONS MNGMT LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
338·6	305·9	Pens. Mngd. Acc.	315·1	331·7
167·9	160·8	Pens. Property Acc.	159·4	167·8
451·5	397·9	Pens. Equity Acc.	408·4	429·9
180·9	171·1	Pens. Fixed Int. Acc.	168·9	177·8
111·5	104·6	Pens. Ind.-Link. Acc.	105·8	111·5
174·7	166·1	Pens. Cash Acc.	165·9	174·7
185·4	148·6	Pens. Amerl. Eq Acc.	151·6	159·6
140·0	128·3	Pens U.S. Bonds Acc.	126·3	132·9
136·0	118·3	Pens. Japan Acc.	118·6	124·9
144·2	111·6	Pens. Pacific Acc.	135·3	148·5
361·0	309·8	Pens. Far Eastrn Acc.	359·6	378·6
387·0	324·3	Pens. Intnl. Acc.	287·9	303·1
135·3	112·7	Pens. U.S.Dollar Acc.	110·0	115·8
122·5	104·6	Pens. Yen Acc.	100·7	106·0
109·6	99·8	Pens. Euro. Curr. Acc.	95·6	100·1

TSB LIFE & PENSIONS
P.O. Box 3, Keens House, Andover, Hants, SP10 1PG. 0264-62188

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
126·0	123·3	Managed	119·7	126·1
113·7	110·8	Property	107·8	113·6
159·8	147·3	Equity	144·9	152·5
117·8	109·6	Fixed Int.	109·7	115·5
113·0	105·0	Money	105·9	111·5
234·4	192·6	Man. Pens.	221·5	233·2
103·9	100·0	Deposit Pens.	98·7	103·9

TEACHERS ASSURANCE CO. LTD

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
143·4	135·3	Managed Fund	136·2	143·4
119·7	113·8	Gilt & Fixed Int. Fd	113·0	118·9
118·8	115·4	Cash Fund	112·8	118·8

TRANSINTERNATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE CO. LTD
55-57, High Holborn WC1 6DU 01-831 7481

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
227·8	213·9	Series 2 Man. Fund	215·0	226·3
264·2	255·4	Series 2 Equity Fund	269·5	283·6
214·5	205·2	Series 2 Prop. Fund	204·1	214·8
205·8	195·8	Series 2 Fixed Int. Fd	191·6	201·6
148·2	142·5	Series 2 Money Fund	140·8	148·2
207·5	184·2	Series 2 O'seas Fund	187·8	197·6
447·1	420·5	Tulip Invest. Fund	422·6	444·9
312·1	287·0	Tulip Managed Fund	298·3	314·0
221·8	203·9	Managed Fund Inc.	208·6	219·7
256·9	243·6	Managed Fund Acc.	243·2	256·0
353·1	328·5	Man. Pen. Fund Cap.	331·5	348·9
409·4	404·2	Man. Pen. Fund Acc.	429·8	452·2

TRIDENT LIFE ASSURANCE CO. LTD
London Road, Gloucester, GL1 3LE 0452-500500

1985 High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
265·0	220·6	American	219·8	231·5
180·3	157·9	International	178·6	181·8
284·2	262·0	U.K. Equity	269·3	283·6
352·3	325·0	Managed	349·0	367·4
316·2	305·7	High Yield	314·5	331·1
229·6	211·7	Gilt Edged	211·4	222·6
250·8	236·2	Growth Acc.	286·7	301·9
[illegible]	201·0	Growth Cap.	231·1	246·8
316·7	306·8	Property	300·8	316·7
253·0	243·2	Guaranteed	249·5	262·5
218·7	212·8	Money	207·7	218·7
[illegible]	[illegible]	Fiscal	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Managed	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Deposit	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Property	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Gilt Edged	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Equity	342·7	360·8
[illegible]	[illegible]	Pensions Swiss Bond	98·2	103·5
[illegible]	115·4	Pensions Woolwich	114·1	120·2
116·6	104·8	Henderson Active	106·0	111·7
123·8	109·8	Perpetual Active	115·9	122·1
107·9	91·5	Trident Bond	102·4	107·9
108·6	100·0	Henderson Pens.	102·8	108·1
136·7	100·0	Perpetual Pens.	129·7	136·6

VANBRUGH LIFE ASSURANCE LTD
41-43 Maddox Street, London W1R 9LA 01-499 4923

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
368·0	344·4	Managed	346·4	364·7
708·9	641·2	Equity	671·2	706·6
302·0	281·8	Fixed Interest	282·2	297·1
255·6	251·1	Property	242·8	255·6
303·1	260·0	International	266·8	280·4
134·8	110·0	North American	114·2	120·3
135·6	96·5	Pacific Basin	98·6	103·8
121·6	110·1	European	112·6	118·5
201·5	196·0	Cash	195·2	205·4
330·8	305·9	Pensions Managed	315·5	332·0
458·2	407·3	Pensions Equity	434·3	457·2
275·5	254·4	Pensions Fixed Int.	258·6	272·5
222·9	218·5	Pensions Property	211·7	222·9
123·0	116·1	PensIndex-L'kedGilt	115·0	121·1
151·0	141·4	Pens Intnat'alMoney	135·6	142·8
166·0	131·4	Pens. Global Equity	130·9	137·8
106·0	100·1	Pensions Cash	100·7	106·0
12·50	11·4	Pens. Guaranteed(X)	—	11·43

WINDSOR LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
Royal Albert Hse, Windsor SL4 1BE. (95) 68144.

High	Low	Name	Bid	Offer
195·6	185·8	Investor Units	179·9	189·4
356·1	327·7	Acc Pen Units	325·2	342·3
179·5	155·0	Far East Fd	148·7	156·6
253·6	205·7	Nth American Fd	206·6	217·4

* Ex-distribution.
† Based on offer prices.
WX Ex-withdrawal.

The following table consists of those unit trust and insurance property bonds which are valued either monthly or quarterly.

AUTHORISED TRUSTS

TRADE UNION TRUST.

Name	Bid	Offer
Trade Union	127·4	*134·2

INSURANCE, PROPERTY, BONDS, ETC.

BLACK HORSE LIFE ASSURANCE
Blackhorse House, 346A High St. Chatham, Kent ME4 4NF 0634 405 161

Name	Bid	Offer
Black Horse Bond	253·19	266·51
Balanced Fund	232·66	245·12
Cash Fund	149·04	156·89
Energy International	112·01	117·91
Extra Inc. Fund	231·32	243·50
Fixed Interest Fund	187·76	198·07
Income Fund	245·45	259·47
Int. Technology Fund	271·12	285·46
Managed Inv. Fund	198·32	208·76
N. America & General	184·22	193·92
Property Fund	162·27	170·82
S. Comp. rs&Rec. Fd	260·86	285·44
Worldwide Growth	238·93	251·63

CANTERBURY LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
St Paul's House, Broad St, Canterbury CT1 2LY. 0227 457375.

Name	Bid	Offer
Managed Fd	195·0	207·0
Exempt Man Fd	184·5	195·0
Gilt Fd	101·0	106·0

CORNHILL INSURANCE P.L.C.

Name	Bid	Offer
Capital Fd	—	300·0
G & S Special	—	128·0

CRUSADER INSURANCE PLC
Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8BL 07372 42424

Name	Bid	Offer
Managed Pension Fund	214·65	221·39

FAMILY ASSURANCE SOCIETY
Blenheim Hse, Church St, Brighton, East Sussex. BN1 1WF. 0273 671111.

Name	Bid	Offer
'A' Managed	268·8	294·7
'B' Managed	185·3	195·3
'C' Bdi	145·0	152·6
'C' Fixed Int	153·1	164·0
Dpt. Man.	155·4	163·5
Brit. 11	53·9	56·7
Growth Man	79·9	81·6

IRISH LIFE ASSURANCE PLC

Name	Bid	Offer
Property Modules	263·5	277·3

LANCASHIRE & YORKSHIRE ASSURANCE SOCIETY
Barkers Pool House, Burgess Street, Sheffield. 0742-758877

Name	Bid	Offer
Capital Secure	—	134·5
Capital Growth	—	67·15
Balanced Portfolio	—	69·36
Unit Builder	—	51·21

LANGHAM LIFE ASSURANCE CO.
Langham House, Holmbrook Drive, London, NW4 2NX. 01-203 5211.

Name	Bid	Offer
'A' Plan Fund	91·3	96·1
Harvest Pens. Fund	185·7	195·5
Man. Fund (WISP)	127·4	134·1
Property Bonds	288·3	303·5

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
Station Rd, New Barnet, Herts EN5 1PA 01-440 8210

Name	Bid	Offer
Key	49·3	51·8
100+	218·4	229·0
Spearhead	122·8	129·0
Global Growth	55·2	58·0
Select Security	33·3	35·8

NAT. MUT. AUSTRALASIA
NM House, Serpentine Road, Poole, Dorset BH15 2EH (0202) 686666

Name	Bid	Offer
Fixed Int. Fd	103·01	108·43
Gtd. Deposit Fd	102·16	107·55
International Fd	87·48	92·08
Managed Fd	100·29	105·56
Property Fd	100·00	105·26
U.K. Equities Fd	132·15	139·10

NEL PENSIONS LTD:

Name	Bid	Offer
Deposit Cap	73·2	77·0
Deposit Acc	100·7	106·0
Gilt&Fixed Int. Cap	83·2	88·5
Gilt&Fixed Int. Acc	128·5	135·1
Growth Inc. Cap	117·6	123·7
Growth Inc. Acc	163·3	172·9
Index Linked Cap	45·0	47·3
Index Linked Acc	56·3	59·2
Intl. Fix. Int. Cap	82·8	88·3
Intl. Fix. Int. Acc	126·5	133·1
Managed Cap	90·2	94·9
Managed Acc	129·3	136·1

OAKLIFE ASSURANCE

Name	Bid	Offer
Managed Bond	144·8	152·1

PHOENIX ASSURANCE

Name	Bid	Offer
Ebor Equity Endow	212·6	223·5

PIONEER MUTUAL INS. CO. LTD
16 Crosby Road North, Waterloo, Liverpool L22 0NY 051-928 6655

Name	Bid	Offer
Managed Fund	231·1	245·8
Man. Pens. Inc.	278·4	294·6
Man. Pens. Cap.	279·4	294·6
Man. Money Fund	96·7	101·7

PROPERTY EQUITY & LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
Cumberland Hse, Baxter Av, Southend on Sea. SS2 6HQ. 0702-333433

Name	Bid	Offer
Rob.Silk Prop.BdFd	—	271·0
Flex. Prop. Bond Fd	—	130·4

PROVINCIAL LIFE ASSURANCE CO LTD
Stramongate, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 4BE 0539-23415.

Name	Bid	Offer
Cash Fd	179·6	189·2
Property Fd	181·7	191·3

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD.
109, St Vincent Street, Glasgow. 041 248 6321

Name	Bid	Offer
Flexible Endowment	609·5	638·2
Pension Managed Fund	415·7	436·5

STALWART ASSURANCE CO. LTD.

Name	Bid	Offer
Fixed Interest	110·2	117·2
The Managed Fd	111·5	118·5
Pens. Managed Fd	110·5	117·6

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F.A. Cup Final

EVERTON TO LIFT TREBLE IN SHOWPIECE

By *DONALD SAUNDERS*

DURING the last two FA Cup finals Manchester United and Everton have taken it in turn to frustrate impudent proletarians bent on humiliating English soccer's elite and taking home the trophy for the first time.

In 1983 United put Brighton firmly in their place in a replay after sailing perilously close to last-kick disaster in the first match. Twelve months ago Everton experienced rather less difficulty en route to victory over Watford.

Now the *two giants* shoulder the responsibility of providing a capacity crowd of 100,000 at Wembley this afternoon with a showpiece worthy of British football's first £1m gate.

This will be the first time the winners of the two previous seasons have met in the final since Arsenal and Newcastle created the precedent 33 years ago.

Let us hope it proves to be a more distinguished occasion than that 1952 final, remembered principally for an injury to Walley Barnes which left Arsenal's 10 men struggling in vain to prevent Newcastle from winning by George Robledo's goal.

Gifted players

Certainly, today's match has raised great expectations since it brings together two outstanding teams, possessing more than their fair share of gifted players.

Nowadays we do not often see, on an English pitch, footballers of the class of Robson, Strachan, Olsen and Whiteside locked with men of the calibre of Reid, Bracewell, Sheedy and Steven *in a battle* of wits and endeavour to establish midfield command.

Nor do centre-forwards *possessing* the skill, speed, finishing power and Celtic fire of Hughes often clash head on at Wembley with as distinguished *a pair of central defenders as* Ratcliffe and Mountfield.

So I am inclined to share the opinion of the two managers that *this could be a final to* remember. "We couldn't have a better climax to the season than Wembley and the Cup final *against Manchester United*," said Howard Kendall, who has already guided Everton to success in the League Championship and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

Goal scorers

"United's team is crammed with quality players, all of them potential matchwinners. But we also have players of immense quality—men who can score goals and swing games."

Ron Atkinson, seeking United's second FA Cup triumph under his management, took a similar view. "There is hardly a hair's breadth between the teams and we have played well in the FA Cup this season, especially in the two semi-finals with Liverpool," he emphasised.

No doubt Mr Atkinson is hoping his team will defend as resolutely, create as imaginatively and finish as decisively as *they did against Liverpool in the* enthralling replay. If so, Everton will be engaged in the most difficult match of the most *demanding, exciting and rewarding* season in their history.

Yet, as Mr Kendall rightly said, his team has become "quite *good*" at dealing with big occasions. "This is our fourth visit to Wembley in 14 months," he pointed out.

Sheedy's reward

Eight of the players who helped defeat Watford last year *will be on duty again this afternoon*, supported by Sheedy, who missed that match because of injury, and Van Den Hauwe and Bracewell, *both signed too late* for the 1984 final.

This should give Everton a slight edge over United — who *will have* six of their 1985 side appearing today — especially as they come to Wembley fresh from their first European *triumph, over Rapid Vinenna in* Rotterdam on Wednesday.

True, as Ratcliffe, their captain, has sensibly cautioned: "The FA Cup final does not always go according to plan." Even so, I have a feeling greater collective strength, especially in defence — *where United prefer* Moran to young Hogg — will carry Everton to victory.

Mountfield haul

So often at Wembley individuals of rare talent fail to scale the heights and inspired performances come from unexpected sources.

That leads me to believe that the ability of so many Everton players to score — epitomised by Mountfield's haul of 14 goals this season — could prove crucial.

If so, Everton should earn the distinction of becoming the first club to complete the classic English double of Championship and FA Cup and win a European trophy in the same season.

The line-up at Wembley

EVERTON		MANCHESTER UNITED
N. Southall	1	G. Bailey
G. Stevens	2	J. Gidman
P. van den Hauwe	3	A. Albiston
A. Ratcliffe (capt.)	4	N. Whiteside
D. Mountfield	5	K. Moran
P. Reid	6	P. McGrath
T. Steven	7	B. Robson (capt.)
G. Sharp	8	G. Strachan
A. Gray	9	F. Stapleton
P. Bracewell	10	M. Hughes
K. Sheedy	11	J. Olsen
J. Bailey, I. Atkins, A. Harper or K. Richardson	12	M. Duxbury

Referee: P. Willis (Meadowfield, Durham).

HOW THEY REACHED FINAL

EVERTON

ROUND 3 (Jan. 4): Leeds 0, Everton 2 (Sharp, pen, Sheedy).
ROUND 4 (Jan. 26): Everton 2 (Steven, Stevens). Doncaster 0.
ROUND 5 (Feb. 16): Everton 3 (Stevens, Sheedy, pen, Steven), Telford 0.
ROUND 6 (March 9): Everton 2 (Sheedy, Mountfield). Ipswich 2 (Wilson, Zondervan). REPLAY (*March 13*): *Ipswich 0, Everton 1* (Sharp, pen).
SEMI-FINAL (April 13): Everton 2 (Sheedy, Mountfield), Luton 1 (Hill) a.e.t.

MANCHESTER UNITED

ROUND 3 (Jan. 5): Manchester U 3 (Strachan, McQueen, Stapleton), Bournemouth 0.
ROUND 4 (Jan. 26): United 2 (Hughes, McGrath), Coventry 1 (Gibson).
ROUND 5 (*Feb. 15*): *Blackburn 0, United 2* (Strachan, McGrath).
ROUND 6 (March 9): United 4 (Hughes, Whiteside 3, 1 pen), West Ham 2 (Hogg o.g., Allen).
SEMI-FINAL (April 13): United 2 (Hughes, Stapleton), Liverpool 2 (Whelan, Walsh).
REPLAY (April 17): United 2 (Robson, Hughes), *Liverpool* 1 (McGrath o.g.).

Scottish Cup Final

Dundee Utd capable of upsetting Celtic

FURTHER evidence that the emphasis of football power has switched from the West to the East could be provided this afternoon when Dundee United take on Celtic in the 100th Scottish Cup final at Hampden Park.

Should the Tayside club win the trophy it will be the second time in three years that thee majority of domestic honours have eluded the "old firm" of Rangers and Celtic and been claimed by the "new firm" of Aberdeen and Dundee United.

Neither side has announced team selections but both managers have informed their players who will be participating. The key players are likely to beUnited's Ralph Milne and Paul Sturrock and Celtic's Tommy Burns and Davie Provan.

For Celtic, beaten finalists last year and trying for their 27th success overall, failure is something they dare not contemplate. A second season without a major honour would be totally unacceptable to the Parkheadclub and its vast support.

United, who lost to Celtic in the 1974 final, still have nine players left from the side defeated by Rangers in the 1981 final and there *is no doubt* they have the ability to make it third time lucky. Today's clash will see whether they rise to the occasion and *prove that claim* to be true.

● Any necessary replay will be at Hampden again on Tuesday night.

Celtic.—Bonner; (From) W. McStay, McGrain, Aitken, McAdam, O'Leary, Macleod, P. McStay, Johnston, McGarvey, McClair, Burns, Grant.

Dundee United. — McAlpine; (From) Malpas, Holt, Gough, Hegarty, Narey, Bannon, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds, Beadie, Coyne, Clark, Beaumont.

Referee: B. McGinlay (Balfron).

VENABLES IN PAY BONANZA

By KEN MAYS

Terry Venables is on the verge of becoming one of the highest paid soccer managers of all time when he has talks with Barcelona regarding a further four-year contract.

The former Crystal Palace and Queens Park Rangers boss who guided Barcelona to the Spanish League title in his first year, is already reported to be on £150,000 plus bonus payments.

But when he meets club president Josep Nunez on Tuesday it is expected that he will be offered twice that figure. "I will talk about a new four year contract but it is too early to say more," said Venables yesterday.

But while Venables, who will be part of the BBC commentary team at today's FA Cup final, celebrates, several players in the English League began to feel the pinch as they were put up for sale or given free transfers.

David Fairclough, the former Liverpool player, was one of seven discarded by Norwich City, along with Mark Farrington, who ended the season on loan to Cambridge.

Ron Futcher and Roger Wylde have been transfer-listed by Barnsley; Huddersfield have released Julian Winter, Rob Turner, Charlie Cooper and Mick Carmody.

Milk Cup loses sponsor

By MICHAEL CALVIN

FOOTBALL received a timely reminder of the need to project the right image last night, when the National Dairy Council *decided to abandon its* sponsorship of the Milk Cup.

Their support of the competition, worth £2·2 million, will cease when the current agreement with the Football League expires at the end of next season.

Graham Kelly, the League secretary, attempted to play down the significance of the move. But the implications of the Council's plan to back schools sport instead are worrying.

Michael Bolderston, chairman of the NDC's executive board, stressed that they had found a more suitable vehicle for what he termed "the dairy industry's message of fun, fitness and facts."

Football, which celebrates its greatest occasion at Wembley today, is, regrettably, identified with the destructive disease of hooliganism.

The League had insisted on a year's notice of the council's intentions and Mr Kelly admitted: "The sponsorship *boosted* the League Cup and gave it an added gloss."

He added: "It is a blow to lose a sponsor with whom we have such a happy working relationship. But it is not a major blow."

The Milk Cup has developed into an integral part of the football calendar and its prestige has been enhanced by the live broadcast of the final.

The prize fund of almost £500,000 represents crucial revenue for clubs, who are struggling to survive in a difficult economic climate.

Ironically the Council, who plan to invest £750,000 in their new venture, are preparing to announce a "major increase" in the prize money for next season's competition.

Graham Kelly ... "sponsorship has given event extra gloss."

Everton against the odds

The law of averages and the unpredictability of Manchester United may contrive to rob Everton of the most outrageous treble in British soccer history.

Already League Champions, Everton returned from Rotterdam in midweek with the European Cup-winners' Cup. Today the *men in blue from* Merseyside try to hold on to the FA Cup they won last year.

In tomorrow's SUNDAY TELEGRAPH, COLIN MALAM and JOHN MOYNIHAN bring you the story behind the most eagerly-awaited Wembley final in years.

Who opens the batting for England? You need the fingers of more than two hands these days to count the candidates. *TONY LEWIS offers his guide to the front-runners.*

Also in THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH tomorrow, JOHN REASON reports *from New Zealand on the opening leg of* England's rugby tour, and JOHN OAKSEY watches the Irish 2,000 Guineas at The Curragh.

Take my pedigree seriously—Atkinson

THE sneers that style is no substitute for success will echo around Ron Atkinson's brain in the frenzied moments before Wembley settles down to savour a potentially historic occasion today, writes Michael Calvin.

He remains the essence of a "personality" manager, a high profile figure who has developed a formidable resistance to criticism.

It cannot be denied that some of his mannerisms—the swagger, the sharp suits and the studied nonchalance—are closer to the used-car showroom than the training ground.

Yet, like the starlet who announces that she deserves to be considered for Shakespeare, he insists it is time to take his football pedigree seriously.

Great enthusiasm

"It irritates me that people *make judgments on superficial* things," he said. "Of course I have made mistakes, but I am a football man through and *through*.

"I have a great enthusiasm for the game and sometimes that enthusiasm is channelled in the *wrong direction*. But football is the best way I have of expressing myself."

He has come a long way since *his formative years at Kettering* and he points out, with some forcefulness, that he has not made a habit of enduring *disappointment*.

He is, most of all, a winner. Gary Bailey, his goalkeeper, discovered only this week that he *is intolerant when professional* standards are threatened. Their argument was long and loud.

"I will not criticise if my *players make an honest mistake*, but I cannot stand failure because a person is less than positive," he says.

The attention devoted to Everton's magnificent season clearly rankles. But, typically, Mr Atkinson baulks at suggestions that the failure to win the championship is an indictment of his managerial qualities.

"I have been successful with every club I have managed," he said, "and, whatever happens at Wembley, United are in Europe for the fourth successive season. That's failure?

"I've got a special buzz about this game. It's special to me and it's special to the club. I fancy that Everton will discover how much we all want to win."

STARS PLAY FOR DISASTER APPEAL

Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton have agreed to appear in the England All-Stars match to raise money for the Bradford City Disaster Appeal, at Wembley on June 1.

The match, starting at 2 p.m. before the Freight Rover Trophy final, is organised by the Football League and LBC Radio.

Speedway

CLOSURE THREAT

Scunthorpe, one of the oldest members of the National Speedway League, are threatened with closure because of falling gates. Their matches for next week have been suspended and their future will be considered by the League's Management Committee on Tuesday.

NAT. LGE. — Hackney 54 (P. Bosley 12, A. Mogridge 12, S. Thomas 10), Canterbury 24 (D. Mullett 9). LGE CUP.—Oxford 56 (H. Nielsen 11), Ipswich 42 (J. Doncaster 14).

WEST HAM SAVED BY COTTEE

By A Special Correspondent

Ipswich ... 0 West Ham 1

WEST HAM had to last out for an agonising 79 minutes last night before they knew that they would stay in the top bracket for another season at least.

West Ham took a big step towards ensuring First Division safety by taking an 11th minute lead against Ipswich at Portman Road.

Ipswich felt that Goddard was offside when he chased on to a long ball, and then felt the ball went out of play before he hooked it into the goalmouth from the byline, when Cottee headed home via Brennan's chest.

Hilton should have scored in the 19th minute but headed over from an unmarked position near the far post.

All the chances fell to West Ham with Goddard shooting just past the post in the 53rd minute and Cottee chipping the ball on to the top of the net.

Under pressure

Parkes was fortunate to get away with a 53rd minute mistake when he scooped the ball under pressure from Wilson, into his own net, a linesman said the bal had crossed the byline.

Goddard was unlucky not to increase West Ham's lead in the 61st minute when he shot past the post, and, six minutes later, Stewart hammered a 35-yarder *into the side netting*.

Parkes saved well from Wilson in the 77th minute, and again from Brennan five minutes later, but West Ham *held on for a* deserved victory.

Ipswich Town. — Cooper; Burley, Yallop, Zondervan, Osman, Steggles, Putney, Brennan, Dozzell, Wilson, Gates.

West Ham. — Parkes; Stewart, Brush, Walford, Martin, Hilton, Barnes, Bonds, Goddard, Cottee, Pike.

PATES SIGNS

Colin Pates, 23, Chelsea's captain, has signed a new contract which will keep him at Stamford

Coventry hang on to survival

By DEREK HODGSON

Stoke ... 0, Coventry ... 1

A PENALTY from full-back Stuart Pearce kept alive Coventry's *hopes of avoiding relegation*, while Stoke, who missed a penalty, are relegated with only 17 points — the lowest First Division total in modern times.

There was a strange contrast in attitudes as Stoke were all hurry and scurry while Coventry, whose fate was at stake, tried to remain cool and superior.

But neither team seemed able to find an accurate pass at the vital moment. Stoke's young attack pressed forward with great enthusiasm, with debut boy Beeston, only 17, firing high and wide.

Ogrizovic was fouled *going* for a corner, before Coventry threatened twice between the 15th and 16th minutes; Regis made one of his powerful bursts on the left, his low shot striking Fox's body.

Heath gave the thin Stoke support their first cheer of the evening by forcing Ogrizovic into a diving save and Beeston brought further applause by neatly side-stepping Hibbitt, but again, his shot was high.

Coventry's retaliation *forced* a corner, which was cleared only byFox's frantic push out. Beeston, with two more shots, demonstrated the reason for his promotion but after 67 minutes Coventry took the lead with a well-placed penalty by Pearce after Berry had handled.

McIlroy tried to launch Stoke into a series of counter-attacks but when the opportunity did arise, Stoke fluffed it. They were awarded a penalty for a foul on Bould six minutes from time but Painter hit the underside of the bar and Ogrizovic thankfully punched *clear*.

Stoke. — Fox; Bould, Hemming, Maskery, Dyson, Berry, Heath, McIlroy, Painter, Saunders, Beeston.

Coventry.—Ogrizovic; Butterworth, Pearce, Hibbitt, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, McGrath, Regis, Gibson, Adams.

TOTTENHAM WAITING AND HOPING

By MICHAEL CALVIN

Spurs 1, Nottm Forest 0

NOTTINGHAM FOREST's *slender chance of European qualification vanished* at White Hart Lane last night but Tottenham are left to wait and hope that Liverpool will not overhaul them in the race for the First Division runners-up spot.

Tottenham held out for the *victory which guarantees that* Chelsea will be in Europe if Liverpool win the European Cup. But Liverpool's victory over Watford ensures that they need only one win from their two remaining games to finish second in the First Division.

Falco, the central character in an experimental attacking system which involved midfield players being pushed forward to support him whenever possible, responded to the challenge with relish.

He began and completed the move *from which Spurs took* a 22nd-minute lead, sending Galvin away down the left before advancing to convert Mabbutt's short pass with a hooked volley into the corner of the net.

That effort, his 29th goal of the season, provided Tottenham with welcome insurance against their notorious defensive vulnerability.

Early generostiy

Forest had cause to rue the early generosity of Hodge who should have scored when his late run exposed the danger of Spurs' offside game. He allowed Clemence to set the standard for an impeccable goalkeeping display with a smothering save.

With a victory essential to maintain their chance of a UEFA Cup place next season, Forest were the more urgent side after the interval.

They had the ball in the net in the 51st minute but Metgod's speculative effort was disallowed for a foul on Clemence.

Tottenham Hotspur. — Clemence; Thomas, Hughton, Roberts, Miller, Perryman, Crook, Falco, Mabbutt, Hoddle, Galvin.

Nottingham Forest.—Segers; McInally, Swain, Walker, Hart, Bowyer, Mills, Metgod, Birtles, Davenport, Hodge.

CHINESE AUDIENCE

The FA Cup final is to be televised for the first time in China which *is* among 56 countries showing the game.

Rush goal sinks Watford

Watford, playing their last game of the season, were beaten 4-3 in an exciting match at Anfield last night, an 82nd-minute goal by Ian Rush sealing victory for Liverpool.

Flushed with recent 5-1 successes over Tottenham and Manchester United, Watford shocked Liverpool by taking a 2-0 lead after 27 minutes. Beglin put through his own goal in the 12th minute, then West scored.

But Liverpool hit back with three goals in seven minutes—from Rush (52 minutes), Kenny Dalglish (57) and a penalty by John Wark (59).

John Barnes equalised for Watford with 16 minutes left, but eight minutes from the end Rush pounced again to give Liverpool the three points.

Swansea City avoided relegation from the Third Division with a goalles draw *in front* of their largest home crowd of the season, against Bristol City. The *result sent Burnley into the* Fourth Division for the first tihme in their history.

Brentford reached the final of *the Freight Rover Trophy with* a 6-0 win over Newport at Griffin Park.

DIVING

NAT. CH'SHIPS (Crystal Palace).—Springboard, Girls: S. Ryan (The Ladies) 376·05, 1; L. Ward (Beaumont) 337·20, 2; J. Cadwallader (The Ladies) 305·50.

SPEEDWAY

NAT. LGE.—Birmingham 44 (R. Wilson 11, P. White 10). Poole 34 (S. Bear 10, K. Smith 10).

BOWLS

INTER-COUNTY (*Topsham*).—Devon 123, Dorset 118. DEVON COUNTY WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Exeter).—Rink Semi-finals: Babbacombe 20, Plymstock 19—Kingsbridge 21, Bideford 20. WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCH.—Somerset 117, Cornwall Tourists 110 (at Street).

How Gray put colour back into Everton

By DENIS LOWE

WHEN Howard Kendall, undoubtedly the Manager of the Year, looks back to the time of Everton's lingering crisis 19 months ago, he is quick to smile and mention the name of *Andy Gray*.

While Philip Carter, a shrewd chairman, offered unqualified support during the dark days, a fair-sized section of the Goodison Park crowd were demanding the manager's head. Everton *needed a dash of* inspiration—and Gray was the unlikely player to provide it.

Shortly after Everton were hammered at Liverpool in a match watched by a vast television audience, Kendall paid £200,000 to Wolves for the Scotland striker, a £1·5 million signing four years earlier, but then troubled by a persistent knee injury.

Because of Gray's knee problem, that price, in the view of several interested managers, was too high, but Kendall has never had better value for money.

Nottingham Forest were beaten in Gray's first game, and Everton, despite a slight waver at the turn of the year, were soon on the glory road.

"I know one man does not make a team, but, from the moment Andy Gray walked through the dressing-room door, the effect on the side was absolutely amazing," Kendall recalls.

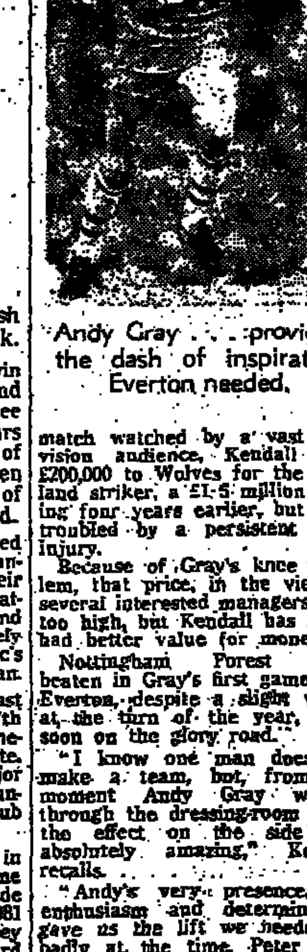
"Andy's very presence, his enthusiasm and determination, gave us the lift we needed so badly at the time. Peter Reid came back, as well, to play so consistently in midfield, and our *fortunes* soon changed for the better."

The promotion to first-team coach of Colin Harvey, like *Kendall* a midfield member of Everton's 1970 Championship team, also did much to improve the team's morale and tactics. Everton survived a Milk Cup scare at Oxford when Adrian Heath made the most of an ill-timed back pass, and, despite losing to Liverpool in the replayed final, managed to beat Watford in the FA Cup Final 12 months ago.

Gray and fellow striker Graeme Sharp scored in that 2-0 Wembley win, and, while injury kept him out earlier this season, Everton were soon to embark on a 28-match unbeaten run after Gray returned last December for the injured Heath.

A regular marksman at Dundee United and Aston Villa, Gray's scoring form fell away at Wolves and he scored only eight goals in his first six months at Everton.

This term, he netted only once before March, but now has 13 to his credit, including five in the cussessful Cup Winners' Cup campaign.



Andy Gray . . . provided the dash of inspiration Everton needed.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL

F A CUP—Final
Everton v Manchester United (Wembley, 3 p.m.)

SCOTTISH CUP—Final
Celtic v Dundee United (Hampden Park, 3 p.m.)

CENTRAL LGE.—Div. 2: Burnley v Blackpool (10.30 a.m.).
HELLENIC LGE.—Prem. Div.: Fairford v Wallingford (7 p.m.).
RUGBY LEAGUE. — Carlisle v Mansfield (Penlee Pk, Penzance, 7 p.m.).

TOMORROW

CANON LEAGUE—Div. III
Brentford v Millwall (11 a.m.)

WELSH CUP—Final, 2nd Leg
Bangor City v Shrewsbury (3 p.m.)

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

CANON LEAGUE—Div. I

Ipswich (0) 0 West Ham (1) 1
—19,326 Cottee

Stoke (0) 0 Coventry (0) 1
—6,930 Pearce pen.

Liverpool (0) 4 Watford (2) 3
Rush 2 Beglin og
Dalglish West
Wark pen. *Barnes*

Tottenham (1) 1 Nottm F (0) 0
Falco —20,075

DIVISION III

Gillingham (2) 5 Wigan (1) 1
Shearer 3 Langley
Collins
Oakes —2,604

Swansea (0) 0 Bristol C. (0) 0
—10,709

DIVISION IV

Aldershot (0) 5 Rochdale (0) 0
Coleman
Foyle 2
Staff 2 —1,572

FREIGHT ROVER TROPHY—Southern Final

Brentford (3) 6 Newport (0) 0
Cassells 2 (1 pen)
G. Roberts 4 —8,214

CENTRAL LGE. — Div 1: Derby 4, Sheffield Wed. 0. Div 2: Wigan 1, Doncaster 0.

FOOTBALL COMB.—Charlton 2, Swansea 3—Millwall 3, Ipswich 3—Watford 3, QPR 2.

SCHOOLS. — ESFA BHS Trophy, regional final: Surrey 2, Essex 3. Trophy, final: Croydon 3, North Sussex 2 (after extra time).

Life and the test tube revolution

The virtual failure of a Bill in Parliament to outlaw the use of human embryos in medical experiments caused scenes in which a protesting MP broke the Speaker's chair.

What is the nature of these medical experiments? What are the scientists up to? Why is their work so controversial? The Sunday Telegraph examines this fundamental and emotive issue in a two-part feature, starting tomorrow.

When football was all rattles and brass bands: Desmond Albrow looks back at the old Bradford City he knew.

In The Colour Magazine

Special 16-page Gardening Section: to start the week of the Chelsea Flower Show a preview of the *Telegraph* garden design and the new varieties to be unveiled; plus the use of colour in the garden and ideas for growing summer vegetables.

Power Bloc on The Gulf: John Bulloch finds out why the six oil-producing states of The Gulf Co-operative Council can boast of having achieved more in 4 years than the EEC has in 20.

Fashion on the way to the ball: the glamorous long ball gown finds favour again.

In tomorrow's

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O'BRIEN GIVES COUNSEL FINAL DERBY TRIAL

By HOTSPUR (Peter Scott)

LEADING COUNSEL will have his Derby trial in today's Irish 2,000 Guineas. Shadeed's excitable nature was again in evidence at Newbury yesterday.

Lanfranco's appearance in Goodwood's Predominate Stakes next Wednesday puts a fresh factor into Derby calculations.

Slip Anchor, 10-length winner of the Lingfield Derby Trial last weekend, is generally expected to be Steve Cauthen's Epsom ride on June 5.

But, as Henry Cecil's first jockey, Cauthen has the option of switching to Lanfranco.

Lanfranco beat this week's Mecca-Dante Stakes winner Damister in the William Hill Futurity last October, but finished only seventh in Shadeed's 2,000 Guineas.

That fast-run mile proved too sharp for Lanfranco. He will be tackling 1½ miles when Cauthen tries him out at Goodwood.

Lord Grundy, second to Slip Anchor at Lingfield, is a possible Goodwood opponent for Lanfranco, who will need to put up a very impressive performance there to make Cauthen switch Derby mounts.

Doubts about whether Shadeed has the temperament to withstand the hurly-burly of Derby Day were in no way diminished by his behaviour before a Newbury gallop after yesterday's last race.

Shadeed, very much on his toes and sweating, had his regular work rider John Campbell in the saddle. Walter Swinburn was on Immortal Dancer, who shared his *10-furlong gallop*.

Shadeed had never visited a race course other than Newmarket before his trip to Newbury. Michael Stoute, his trainer, says that Shadeed may well be taken to one more different course in the next fortnight for further experience.

Slip Anchor remains Derby favourite but Leading Counsel's present odds of 9-1 will tumble if he can beat 15 opponents in today's Irish 2,000 Guineas at The Curragh.

Even an honourable defeat such as The Minstrel sustained in this race may decide Vincent O'Brien to make Leading Counsel his Derby runner in preference to Law Society, the Chester Vase winner.

Hard Ridden, Santa Claus and Grundy have been the three post-war Derby winners previously successful in the Irish 2,000 Guineas. But Leading Counsel's preparation for The Curragh classic has been less orthodox because his last race was over 11 furlongs.

Lidhame, who had looked the pick of England's four entries, is not quite to trainer John Dunlop's liking and has been withdrawn, but Leading Counsel's unbeaten stable-companion Conformist and the filly Triptych provide tough opposition.

Triptych, a high-class two-year-old when trained in France, found the going too firm in Oh So Sharp's 1,000 Guineas. She should run much better today and another high-class filly Silvermine is strongly fancied to beat some top French colts in tomorrow's Prix Lupin at Longchamp.

Gold and Ivory, who wound up his 1984 campaign with easy big-race wins at Cologne and Milan, reappears in Newbury's *Aston Park Stakes today.*

Poquito Queen, injured after her luckless run in last year's Oaks, receives 15lb from Gold and Ivory. Poquito Queen will clearly do much better today than when very backward on the season's opening afternoon, but Gold and Ivory is the more reliable bet.

I had intended napping the Queen's Golden Promise (3.0) but with Dick Hern's stable still out of form the nap is switched to Cherry Hill (12.30).

TODAY'S NEWBURY SELECTIONS

HOTSPUR	COURSE CORR.	FORM
12. 0—Meteor Miss		12. 0—Meteor Miss
12.30—CHERRY HILL (nap)	12.30—Cherry Hill	12.30—Rent or Buy
1. 0—Meeson King		1. 0—Meeson King
1.30—Gold and Ivory	1.30—Gold And Ivory	1.30—Gold And Ivory
2. 0—Farapour		2. 0—MANGO EXPRESS (nap)
2.30—Amiga Borracha	2.30—SWIFT PALM (nap)	2.30—Gay Meadow
3. 0—Golden Promise	3. 0—Golden Promise	3. 0—Golden Promise

HOTSPUR'S DOUBLE.—Cherry Hill and Golden Promise.
NEWMARKET NAP.—Rent or Buy (12.30).
TONY STAFFORD.—Cool Enough (1.0).

CROSSLEY INJURED

Bryn Crossley the Newmarket-based jockey, was taken to Hull Royal Infirmary with a suspected broken right leg after being unseated from Connaught Broads on the way to the start of the Lund Selling Stakes at Beverley yesterday.

Leading Counsel (Pat Eddery), fancied for the Irish 2,000 Guineas.

IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS

RUN AT THE CURRAGH

3.30: AIRLIE/COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS Value to winner: £105,250 1m (16)
1 0-33 Bel Bavrais, D. O'Brien, R. Hogan 15
2 0-1 Celestial Bounty, D. Weld, M. J. Kinane 16
3 11- Conformist, M. V. O'Brien, G. McGrath 7
4 0-31 Convergence, T. Curtin, K. Moses 14
5 0-40 Cut Free, M. O'Toole, D. Gillespie 1
6 2-25 Deniz, E. O'Grady, P. Shanahan 10
7 323 Don Justice, K. Prendergast, G. Curran 5
8 1-40 Father Matthew, M. V. O'Brien, V. Rossiter 13
9 32-1 Kings River, L. Piggott 8
10 1-12 Leading Counsel, M. V. O'Brien, Pat Eddery 4
11 21-3 Mac's Reef, M. Ryan, P. Robinson 6
12 41-0 Main Reason, P. Cole, T. Quinn 3
13 34-3 Rare Willow, J. Oxx, D. Hogan 12
14 22-1 Severn Bore, F. Durr, G. Starkey 9
15 421 Sun Valley, M. Connolly, R. Carroll 8
16 1-10 Triptych, D. O'Brien, C. Roche 11
All carry 9st
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Leading Counsel, 9-2 Triptych, 6 Celestial Bounty, 8 Kings River, 10 Conformist, 14 Severn Bore, 14 Mac's Reef, 20 Main Reason, Sun Valley, 25 others.
1984: Sadlers Wells 3 9 0 G. McGrath, 10-1 M. V. O'Brien.
LEADING COUNSEL best.

Course Notes & Hints

SWIFT PALM DAY'S BEST

By Our Course Correspondent

PETER CUNDELL has his string in fine form and SWIFT PALM* may continue the stable's success in today's Polar Jest Apprentice Handicap (2.30) at Newbury.

Winner of a similar event at Doncaster on his reappearance, Swift Palm met with interference at Epsom last time when fourth to Tamertown Lad.

Twice successful over course and distance, Swift Palm is much better suited to a straight mile and is confidently expected to return to winning form.

Cherry Hill, who ran Art Edict to half a length at Pontefract last month, looks set to go one better in the London Gold Challenge Cup Handicap (12.30).

Gold And Ivory may make a winning reappearance in the Aston Park Stakes (1.30) and Golden Promise should have the beating of Doo Baysh on a form line through Skaramanga in the Shaw Maiden Stakes (Div II, 3.0).

Newbury fields

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers slightly favoured on straight course
Advance Official Going: GOOD

12.0 (Jackpot Prefix 1): NEWBURY TOTE SPRING FESTIVAL STAKES 2-Y-O Fillies Penalty Value £2,624 5f (10 declared)
1 31 METEOR MISS (D) (L. Sellman), P. Cundell, 9-0 ... P. Cook 4
2 415 SHARI LOUISE (D) (Mrs B. Taylor), M. McCourt, 9-0 ... R. Wernham 2
3 0 FOUNTAIN BELLS (R. Khan), R. Hannon, 8-8 ... A. McGlone 5
4 HARDY CHANCE (H. Haskell), B. Hills, 8-8 ... B. Thomson 9
5 555 HOTBEE (A. Speake), J. Bridge, 8-8 ... R. Guest 6
6 LAND OF IVORY (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 8-8 ... J. Matthias 7
7 LIKENESS (Lord Porchester), W. Hern, 8-8 ... W. Carson 10
9 MEGIYAS (F. Salman), P. Cole, 8-8 ... S. Cauthen 3
11 RAINA PERERA (A. Sofroniou), M. Salaman, 8-8 ... R. Street 8
12 SAUVITA (Mrs A. Allen), G. Pritchard-Gordon, 8-8 W. Ryan 1
S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Likeness, 11-4 Megiyas, 5 Land of Ivory, 6 Meteor Miss, 7 Hotbee, 10 Shari Louise, 14 Fountain Bells, 16 Others.
1984: Cameroun 9-0 J. Reid 6-1 D. Laing, 8 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Meteor Miss beat Rapid Rhythm (rec 5lb) by 3l at Warwick (5f) May 6 (good). Shari Louise was beaten 4l when 3rd to St Croix Castle (gave 5lb) at Windsor (5f) May 13 (good). Hotbee was beaten 3l when 3rd to Dancing Fille (level) at Kempton (5f) April 4 (firm). Fountain Bells was beaten 7½l when 6th to Cinnamon Sky (level) at Sandown (5f) April 26 (good).
METEOR MISS is preferred to Shari Louise.

TV (BBC): 12.0 & 12.30

12.30 (Prefix 2): LONDON GOLD CHALLENGE CUP (Handicap) £4,097 1m 3f (14)
1 1/01875- LEADBURN (C) (S. Marsh), G. Harwood 4 10-0 A. Clark 10
3 22123-0 BESPOKE (Mrs W. Hern), W. Hern, 4 9-4 ... T. Sprake (7) 5
4 3/4222-2 CHERRY HILL (BF) (Sir R. Cohen), J. Dunlop, 4 9-2 W. Carson 12
5 1103-1 RENT-OR-BUY (Miss D. Threadwell), C. Brittain, 4 9-1 ... S. Cauthen 13
7 140-001 ESTOC (A. Salman), S. Norton, 4 8-5 (6lb ex) ... J. Lowe 1
8 2120-00 LIBRATE (S. Mallee), J. M. Bradley, 4 8-4 ... P. Waldron 4
10 003120- GILGIT POLO (Mrs N. Duffield), L. Cottrell, 4 8-2 N. Carlisle 8
12 040-000 MOON JESTER (CD) (T. Marshall), M. Usher, 5 7-13 B. McKay 11
13 440-040 ACERCATE (BL) (M. Peraticos), M. Francis, 4 7-11 R. Fox 14
14 00-0020 SUGAR PALM (D. Goldstein), R. Hannon, 4 7-11 A. McGlone 6
15 000-040 PLIANT (Mrs T. Miro), C. Horgan, 5 7-8 ... R. Street 2
16 0050-40 CAREEN (BL) (BF) (The Queen), I. Balding, 4 7-7 T. Williams (5) 9
17 300-124 TIVIAN (Lady Matthews), Mrs C. Reavey, 5 7-7 ... — 3
19 040-034 RECORD WING (BL) (BF) (Mrs P. Long), D. H. Jones, 7 7-7 ... A. Mackay 7
S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Cherry Hill, 4 Rent Or Buy, 5 Leadburn, 11-2 Estoc, 8 Careen, 10 Tivian, 12 Bespoke, 14 Record Wing, 16 Others.
1984: Soldier Ant 4 9-10 L. Piggott 7-1 C. Brittain, 14 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Cherry Hill was beaten ½l by Art Edict (gave 11lb) at Pontefract (1¼m) April 24 with Careen (level) another 5½l away 4th (good). Estoc beat Gunner Girl (gave 5lb) by 3½l at Haydock (1½m 131y) May 16 with Record Wing (rec 10lb) another 7½l away 4th (good). Previously Record Wing was beaten 2½l when 3rd to Temple Bar (gave 1lb) at Haydock (1½m 131y) April 5 with Tivian (level) another 6l away 4th (soft). Rent Or Buy beat Ridgefield (rec 5lb) by ½l at Kempton (1½m) April 8 (heavy). Leadburn was beaten 3½l, when 3rd to Kingswick (rec 25lb) at Newmarket (1½m) Oct 19 (good).
RENT OR BUY may win again. Cherry Hill next best.

1.0 (Prefix 3): WINCHESTER HANDICAP £4,480 6f (25)
2 200-000 THRONE OF GLORY (D) (Capt. M. Lemos), C. Brittain 4 9-7 ... B. Thomson 21
4 435-044 DAWN'S DELIGHT (D) (K. Ivory), K. Ivory, 7 9-5 ... J. Lowe 15
5 3000-30 ALL AGREED (BF) (T. Waterman), J. Winter, 4 9-2 ... T. Williams (5) 10
6 0000-00 OUR DYNASTY (D) (B. Hobson), M. Lambert, 4 9-2 ... T. Ives 3
9 110000- GRAND HARBOUR (J. Boswell), L. Cottrell, 5 9-1 N. Carlisle 22
11 10-0000 KATHRED (D) (G. A. Farndon Eng. Co. Ltd), R. Hollinshead 7 9-0 ... R. Lappin (7) 3
14 200030- MIAMI PRINCE (D) (C. Water), P. Cole, 4 8-10 ... W. Carson 13
15 042440- HELLO SUNSHINE (C) (D) (Mrs L. Burrage), L. Holt, 6 8-10 ... P. Waldron 5
16 020-000 MANIMSTAR (BL) (CD) (S. Brewer), P. Makin, 5 8-10 ... B. Raymond 25
17 1311/00- JABARABA (J. Boswell), L. Cottrell, 4 8-9 ... J. Williams 7
18 200342- PADRE PIO (D) (Mrs G. Ward), D. Arbuthnot, 4 8-8 ... P. Cook 17
19 12- ARROW TO HEAVEN (D) (S. Niarchos), H. Cecil, 3 8-7 ... S. Cauthen 12
21 311000- FEYDAN (Mrs H. Seymour), L. Cottrell, 4 8-6 ... J. Mercer 9
23 300-151 MEESON KING (D) (J. Wilcox), B. McMahon, 4 8-6 (7lb ex) ... A. Mackay 20
25 03004-0 HOLT ROW (G. Cooke), M. McCormack, 4 8-5 ... R. Cochrane 1
24 000-040 NUMISMATIST (D) (A. Sofroniou), M. Salaman, 6 8-5 R. Street 19
26 02-0101 CHAPLINS CLUB (D) (P. Savill), D. Chapman, 5 8-0 W. Ryan 4
27 410020- YANGTSE-KIANG (BL) (D) (E. Hayward), J. M. Bradley, 5 8-0 ... A. Clark 6
28 02205-0 EMERGENCY PLUMBER (D) (Robert Prettie & Co Ltd), B. Hanbury, 4 7-12 ... D. McKay 16
29 000030- HOLLOWAY WONDER (D) (Rowland), B. McMahon, 5 7-10 ... — 8
30 5100-00 NON-WET (D) (Sheikh Mohammed), J. Ciechanowski 5 7-10 ... C. Rutter (5) 13
31 3010-12 COOL ENOUGH (D) (O. Stewart), R. Simpson, 4 7-7 ... N. Adams (5) 14
32 00140-0 DORNEY (D) (Miss L. Ennis), A. Davison, 5 7-7 ... R. Fox 11
S.P. FORECAST: 9-2 Arrow To Heaven, 6 All Agreed, 8 Miami Prince, 10 Padre Pio, Meeson King, 12 Hello Sunshine, 14 Non-Wet, Chaplins Club, 16 Throne Of Glory, Holt Row, 20 Others.
1984: Deputy Head 4 9-4 P. Waldron 8-1 L. Holt, 18 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Meeson King beat Lochtillum (gave 1lb) by 1½l at Chester (6f) May 9 with Kathred (gave 6lb) another 2¾l away 5th (good). Chaplins Club was awarded race after being beaten ¾l by Mendick Adventure (gave 7lb) at Ripon (6f) April 27 (good). Arrow To Heaven was beaten hd by Mums (level) at Redcar (6f) Sept 29 (good). Cool Enough was beaten 5l by Al Ameah (gave 5lb) at Lingfield (6f) May 11 with All Agreed (gave 23lb) 8th and Dorney (rec 2lb) in rear (good). Dawn's Delight was beaten 1¾l when 4th to Ameghino (rec 8lb) at Kempton (6f) May 4 (firm). Padre Pio was beaten sh hd by Milk Heart (gave 15lb) over today's course and distance Oct 27 with Miami Prince (gave 7lb) in rear (soft).
MEESON KING may defy penalty. Arrow To Heaven next best.

1.30 (Prefix 4): ASTON PARK STAKES £4,807 1m 5f 60y (7)
1 032811- GOLD AND IVORY (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 4 9-0 S. Cauthen 7
6 132-015 ART EDICT (W. Blakey), R. Stubbs, 4 8-7 ... D. Nicholls 4
8 0440-00 COFFEE HOUSE (Mrs I. Balding), I. Balding, 10 8-7 J. Matthias 5
10 31092-0 KAYTU (R. Khan), W. Hern, 4 8-7 ... W. Carson 1
12 111312- CIVANO (W. Ney), M. Ryan, 4 9-0 ... A. Clark 2
17 0-0 MAJESTIC FAWN (P. Wafford), M. McCourt, 4 7-13 ... R. Wernham 6
18 425-0 POQUITO QUEEN (BF) (R. Clay), B. Hills, 4 7-13 ... R. Fox 1
S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Gold And Ivory, 2 Kaytu, 4 Poquito Queen, 6 Art Edict, 10 Civano, 20 others.
1984: Jupiter Island 5 9-0 L. Piggott 4-6F C. Brittain, 6 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Gold And Ivory beat Old Country (gave 5lb) by 4l at San Siro (1½m) Oct 21 (heavy). Art Edict was beaten 5½l when 3rd to Kirmann (level) at Newmarket (1½m) May 3 (good to firm). Kaytu not in first 9 to Jupiter Island (rec 3lb) over today's course (1½m) April 20 (good). Poquito Queen was 10th of 25 to Tivian (gave 9lb) at Doncaster (1½m 50y) March 21 (good to soft). Civano was beaten 4l by Anatas (gave 19lb) at Dundalk (1½m 110y) Sept 9 (good to soft).
GOLD AND IVORY will be hard to beat. Kaytu next best.

2.0 (Prefix 5): SHAW MAIDEN STAKES (Div. 1) 3-Y-O £2,525 1m 3f (16)
1 0- ANDROMAHOS (A. Sofroniou), M. Salaman, 9-0 ... R. Street 2
2 ARCHIPENKO (C. St George), B. Hills, 9-0 ... B. Thomson 4
3 0 BLENDERS CHOICE (T. Derry), K. Brassey, 9-0 ... S. Whitworth (5) 1
8 0-0 CAREER BAY (G. Robinson), D. H. Jones, 9-0 R. Cochrane 15
13 04- FARAPOUR (BF) (H.H. Aga Khan), R. Houghton, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 5
14 FOLK DANCE (Mrs J. McDougald), I. Balding, 9-0 S. Payne 12
17 034- HIGH TENSION (Lord Derby), G. Pritchard-Gordon, 9-0 ... W. Ryan 16
22 32- MANGO EXPRESS (R. Olley), C. Horgan, 9-0 ... P. Cook 14
23 0- MEXICAN MILL (Sheikh Mohammed), I. Balding, 9-0 ... S. Cauthen 7
24 0- MIN SALMAN (F. Salman), P. Cole, 9-0 ... P. Waldron 10
27 0 PEGINA (J. Lamola), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 9
29 PERFECT APPROACH (G. Strawbridge), I. Balding, 9-0 ... J. Matthias 15
30 SAINTLY LAD (J. Anderson), P. Cundell, 9-0 ... A. McGlone 3
31 SAMBUK (R. Hollingsworth), W. Hern, 9-0 ... W. Carson 6
32 SOL D'OR (M. Machline), J. Dunlop, 9-0 ... T. Ives 8
33 0-20 SONG MASTER (H. Joel), A. Ingham, 9-0 ... A. Clark 11
S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Mango Express, 7-2 Mexican Mill, 5 Farapour, 6 Sambuk, 8 Min Salman, 10 Archipenko, 12 High Tension, 16 others.
1984: Face Facts 9-0 L. Piggott 4-6F H. Cecil, 19 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Mango Express was beaten ¾l by Over The Ocean (level) at Newmarket (1m) Oct 18 (good). Farapour was beaten 7¾l when 4th to Phardante (gave 11lb) at Salisbury (7f) Aug 16 (good to firm). Mexican Mill was not in first 9 to Profess (rec 3lb) at Newmarket (7f) Oct 5 (good to soft). High Tension was beaten 9½l when 4th to Royal Coach (level) at Yarmouth (7f) Aug 23 (good to firm). Min Salman was 7th of 20 to Keiro (level) at Leicester (7f) Sept 25 (good to firm).
MANGO EXPRESS has sound claims. Farapour next best.

2.30 (Prefix 6): POLAR JEST APPRENTICE HANDICAP £1,872 1m straight (14)
2 0400-00 ROSOLIO (W. Cox), D. Marks, 4 9-7 ... P. Struthers 3
5 30/0-003 SPANISH BOLD (D) (P. Bandi), M. Ryan, 5 9-0 P. Barnard (3) 6
7 0020-14 SWIFT PALM (CD) (BF) (Nimrod Company), P. Cundell, 8 8-11 ... C. Carter 8
8 40000-8 MOONDAWN (C) (G. Hughes), M. Usher, 4 8-11 ... J. Carter 10
10 00000-5 FAIR COUNTRY (Sir G. Brunton), P. M. Taylor, 3 8-9 ... P. Brette 11
13 0002-28 RAPID ACTION (D) (Fivis Transport Ltd), R. Holder, 4 8-7 ... A. Dicks 2
14 42040-0 SAUVAN (D. Walker), R. Hannon, 5 8-2 ... R. Perham (3) 9
15 024104- NELSON'S LADY (D) (Mrs J. Jackson), C. Horgan, 4 8-1 ... G. Kennedy (3) 4
16 0401-05 GAY MEADOW (D) (BF) (P. Hamel), R. Hollinshead, 6 8-1 ... A. Whitehall 5
18 33-1161 AMIGA BORRAGHA (J. Ld), K. Brassey, 3 8-0 (6lb ex) J. Bray (3) 1
20 00060-0 WHEN I DREAM (G. Moses), G. Balding, 4 7-13 L. Johnsey 7
21 03011-0 TOPSOIL (D) (BF) (D. Rankoff), R. Simpson, 3 7-12 ... S. O'Gorman 12
23 1000-40 SINGLE (A. Landers), W. Wightman, 3 7-8 ... David Eddery 15
25 04100-0 NIGHT WALLER (J. Bridger), J. Bridger, 3 7-7 ... G. King 14
S.P. FORECAST: 4 Swift Palm, 9-2 Topsoil, 6 Spanish Bold, Amiga Borracha, 7 Gay Meadow, 8 Single, 10 Fair Country, 12 When I Dream, 14 others.
1984: Swift Palm 7 8-13 E. Moss 7-1 P. Cundell, 13 ran.
FORM GUIDE.—Amiga Borracha beat Clipsall (rec 5lb) by 2½l at Doncaster (7f) May 6 (firm). Gay Meadow was beaten 2½l when 3rd to Double Dealer (gave 6lb) at Wolverhampton (7f) May 15 (good to firm). Spanish Bold was beaten 3¾l when 3rd to Combampton (rec 24lb) at Windsor (1¼m 22y) May 13 (good). Fair Country was beaten 9l when 3rd to Tamertown Lad (gave 1lb) at Epsom (1m 110y) April 23 with Swift Palm (gave 11lb) another ½l away 4th and Rosolio (gave 16lb) a further 3l away 5th (good). Topsoil was beaten 12½l when 5th of 7 to Glenmore Lois (give 1lb) at Folkestone (1¼m) March 25 (soft).
GAY MEADOW is preferred to Swift Palm.

3.0: SHAW MAIDEN STAKES (Div. II) 3-Y-O £2,525 1m 3f (16)
5 BATTLER (Lady Beaverbrook), M. Jarvis, 9-0 ... B. Raymond 3
6 0- BUTTS BAY (P. Carter), J. Old, 9-0 ... R. Fox 11
7 CANNON HEATH (Mrs J. McDougald), I. Balding, 9-0 ... J. Matthias 1
9 COPSE AND ROBBERS (R. Smyly), R. Smyly, 9-0 ... J. Mercer 5
11 0-23 DOO BAYSH (F. Salman), P. Cole, 9-0 ... P. Waldron 6
15 00-2 GOLDEN PROMISE (BL) (The Queen), W. Hern, 9-0 W. Carson 15
18 INTUITION (J. Cohen), M. Usher, 9-0 ... M. Wigham 8
20 20- KALA PANI (B. Uden), P. Cundell, 9-0 ... P. Cook 7
25 0 NICOLENE'S HOPE (S. Gallagher), R. Holder, 9-0 ... T. Ives 16
26 0 NONE TOO DEAR (Mrs P. Barrett), G. Balding, 9-0 J. Williams 2
28 PELICAN HILL (P. Mellon), I. Balding, 9-0 ... S. Cauthen 9
34 0 SYNCHRONICITY (G. Summer), P. Cundell, 9-0 A. McGlone 10
35 20- BRONTE (K. Abdulla), B. Hills, 8-11 ... B. Thomson 13
37 0- ENA OLLEY (A. J. Binsley Ltd), C. A. Hill, 8-11 ... J. Lowe 4
38 0000- HILL'S ROCKET (G. Rhodes), D. Mason, 8-11 ... A. Clark 12
42 ORANGE HILL (R. McCreery), J. Tree, 8-11 ... B. Raymond 14
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Golden Promise, 11-4 Doo Baysh, 7-2 Bronte, 5 Pelican Hill, 8 Battler, 12 Cannon Heath, 14 others.
1984: Mighty Flutter 9-0 B. Rouse 9-2 D. Elsworth, 20 ran.
GOLDEN PROMISE may beat Doo Baysh.

COURSE SPECIALISTS. NEWBURY

Course Winners. — 12.30 (1m 5f): Leadburn (1m 5f 60y), Moon Jester (1m 5f). 1.0 (6f): Dawns Delight (6f), Hello Sunshine (7f), Manimstar (6f). 2.30 (1m): Swift Palm (1m twice), Moondawn (7f).
Jockeys (since March 1980). — Piggott 47, Carson 41, P. Eddery 37, Cauthen 31, Raymond 25, Mercer 25.
Trainers. — Cecil 36, Hern 28, Dunlop 21, Harwood 21, Stoute 19, Tree 18, R. Hills 18, P. Walwyn 17, Hobbs 11, Candy 11, Hannon 11, Houghton 11.

BLINKERED RUNNERS

Horses wearing blinkers for the first time today are:
NEWBURY. — 12.30, Careen; 3.0, Golden Promise.
BEVERLEY. — 12.15, Pretty Face; 12.45, Vaguely Artistic, Golden Slade; 2.45, Bantel Belle.

STATE OF GOING

Advance official going for Monday's meetings: Edinburgh, Windsor, Wolverhampton good.

Today's Beverley racecard

HOTSPUR	FORM
11.45—Protection	11.45—Protection
12.15—Pretty Face	12.15—Lord Jagged
12.45—Moon Parade	12.45—Glenderry
1.15—Jeldaire	1.15—Jeldaire
1.45—Gods Law	1.45—Murillo
2.15—Ribble Palace	2.15—Hit The Town
2.45—Auchinlea	2.45—Auchinlea
3.10—Clipsall	3.10—Master Mark
3.35—Menites	3.35—Menites

EFFECT OF DRAW: High numbers best up to 5f
Advance Official Going: GOOD

11.45: RADIO HUMBERSIDE 'SPORT FOR ALL' STAKES 3-Y-O Penalty Value £1,194 1m (19 declared)
2 1 Protection (D), H. Cecil, 9-1 Paul Eddery 4
3 0-1 Franca Puzzle (D), M. Jarvis, 8-12 ... R. Lines (5) 3
5 1 Metropolitan Star (D), O. Douieb, 8-12 ... A. Lequeux 7
4 Accident Prone, P. Calver, 8-11 G. Baxter 6
5 Bel Oscar, O. Douieb, 8-11 R. Machado 15
8 00- Craigs Venture, D. Garraton, 8-11 O. Gray 19
10 0300-40 Fleet Special, Mrs J. Reavey, 8-11 N. Day 2
16 0000 Mr Steadfast, J. Leigh, 8-11 ... S. Perks 1
17 0 Parris Mist, G. Moore, 8-11 R. P. Elliott 14
18 9-0 Pictograph, I. Balding, 8-11 E. Johnson 13
19 Queen's Pardon, J. Etherington, 8-11 ... M. Wood 18
22 08 Tender Thought, J. Sutcliffe, 8-11 ... M. L. Thomas 11
25 03-000 Albaclyna, R. Stubbs, 8-8 G. Brown (7) 16
26 Chantro Star, G. Harman, 8-8 G. P. Kelly 9
27 0 Duchess Of Connaught, C. Tinkler, 8-8 ... M. Birch 17
28 000000- Hannah's Birthday, R. Howe, 8-8 ... — 8
29 022-2 Key To Baghdad, J. Dunlop, 8-8 G. Duffield 10
30 000- Kinosium, J. FitzGerald, 8-8 K. Hodgson 5
31 000- Sweet Gossips, R. Boss, 8-8 M. Miller 12
S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Protection, 11-4 Metropolitan Star, 7-2 Key To Baghdad, 7 Franca Puzzle, 8 Pictograph, 10 Bel Oscar, 16 others.

12.15: RADIO HUMBERSIDE STEREO SELLING STAKES (Div. I) 3-Y-O £881 7f (10)
2 000-000 Malowski, M. Brittain, 9-0 ... B. Coogan 5
3 11000-0 Pretty Face (BL), T. Berry, 8-11 K. Darley 7
7 00-0 Axelmore, W. Guest, 8-7 ... A. Bond 1
9 050-04 Lord Jagged, D. Ringer, 8-7 P. d'Arcy 4
12 0400 Pamela Heaney, N. Callaghan, 8-7 ... S. Perks 8
14 0-0000 Star Of Harmone, M. Lambert, 8-7 ... P. Burke (7) 2
20 543000- Beeb, B. Richmond, 8-4 ... G. Baxter 3
22 00-0400 Decision Mate, Ron Thompson, 8-4 ... L. Charnock 9
26 Just Loitering, Mrs G. Reveley, 8-4 ... A. Shoults (5) 10
33 00 White Flag, G. Oldroyd, 8-4 ... M. Wood 6
S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Lord Jagged, 3 Pamela Heaney, 4 Pretty Face, 6 Beeb, 8 Malowski, 10 Decision Mate, Axelmore, 14 others.

12.45: RAPID LAD HANDICAP 3-Y-O £2,010 1¼m (19)
1 050-1 Moon Parade, J. Dunlop, 9-10 (5lb ex) ... E. Johnson 5
2 540-203 Vaguely Artistic (BL), N. Vigors, 9-7 ... S. Dawson (5) 4
3 000-14 Symphytum (CD), G. Huffer, 9-6 M. Miller 17
4 0012-00 Fate, Mrs J. Reavey, 9-6 ... N. Day 15
5 000-40 Mister Point, C. Tinkler, 9-4 L. Charnock 9
8 00-04 Winter Palace, W. Guest, 9-0 E. Guest (3) 14
10 00-0 Theeb, G. Hunter, 8-13 ... R. Hills 18
12 00400-0 Donovan's Choice, M. Ryan, 8-12 ... P. Bloomfield 12
14 34130-1 Glenderry (C), Hbt Jones, 8-11 M. Hills 7
15 230-025 Wandering Walter (BF), D. Morgan, 8-11 ... S. Perks 10
17 000- Golden Slade (BL), M. Tompkins, 8-8 ... R. Curant 13
19 0-002 Diyra Bach, M. Camacho, 8-8 N. Connorton 8
21 300-114 Northern Ballerina (C), E. Carter, 8-7 ... Wendy Carter (7) 16
23 000-0 Smithy Bear, J. Spearing, 8-6 A. Kimberley 1
25 0-00113 Carolynchristensen, N. Callaghan, 8-6 (5lb ex) ... A. Roper (7) 4
26 001000- Walter The Great (C), M. H. Easterby, 8-5 ... M. Birch 2
27 00-000 Safrano, F. Durr, 8-5 ... Paul Eddery 6
28 00400-0 Poly Do, K. Ivory, 8-3 ... G. Duffield 19
29 00-2313 Jersula (D) (BF), W. Wharton, 8-2 ... R. Lines (5) 11
S.P. FORECAST: 4 Diyra Bach, 5 Moon Parade, 6 Carolynchristensen, 7 Wandering Walter, 8 Glenderry, Symphytum, 10 Vaguely Artistic, Northern Ballerina, 12 Jersula, 16 others.

1.15: RADIO HUMBERSIDE 'TOP STATION' STAKES 2-Y-O £2,674 5f (9)
1 21 Jeldaire (CD), P. Rohan, 9 3 R. Fahey (7) 1
2 1 Capeability Pound (D), N. Bycroft, 9-2 ... M. Richardson (7) 3
3 412 Royal Rouser (D) (BF), R. Hollinshead, 9-2 ... S. Perks 6
4 12 West Carrack (D), A. Ingham, 9-1 J. Reid 8
6 01 Starphelia (D), M. H. Easterby, 9-0 ... M. Birch 5
9 6 Co'bill's Express, J. Parkes, 8-11 ... S. Webster 2
10 23 Comcentre (BF), W. O'Gorman, 8-11 ... M. L. Thomas 9
12 08 Free Charter, P. Felgate, 8-11 M. Miller 4
17 0 Gunner Go, Ron Thompson, 8-8 M. Wood 7
S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Jeldaire, 7-2 West Carrack, 9-2 Royal Rouser, 5 Comcentre, 7 Starphelia, 10 Capeability Pound, 16 others.

1.45: WILLIAM HILL 'FIRST FOR PRICES' HANDICAP £1,822 1m (15)
2 104-000 Elarim (CD), T. Fairhurst, 6 9-7 ... C. Coates (5) 9
4 00-0032 Murillo (BL), F. Carr, 9 9-4 J. Carr (7) 4
7 0010-00 Seven Swallows (D), H. Collingridge, 4 9-2 ... A. Barclay 8
10 3240-0 Empress Corina, A. Bailey, 4 9-0 A. Bond 1
11 01104-0 Gods Law (CD), C. Thornton, 4 8-13 ... J. Bleasdale 2
12 0000-30 Silver Prospect, R. Hollinshead, 4 8-13 ... S. Perks 12
13 002000- Well Rigged, M. H. Easterby, 4 8-12 ... M. Birch 10
17 00300-0 Bit Of A State (BL) (CD), S. Wiles, 5 8 6 ... M. L. Thomas 3
19 00003-0 Courageous Boy, W. Guest, 4 8-1 ... E. Johnson 7
20 200300 Helen's Choice, A. Smith, 4 7-12 ... S. Webster 15
21 000/000 Star Kid (BL), J. Mulhall, 10 7-8 A. Proud 5
22 0000-00 Follow That Cab, P. Felgate, 4 7-8 ... S. P. Griffiths (5) 11
23 000-004 Lochfast, C. Tinkler, 3 7-7 L. Charnock 6
S.P. FORECAST: 7-2 Empress Corina, 9-2 Gods Law, 11-2 Silver Prospect, 6 Murillo, 7 Lochfast, 8 Seven Swallows, 10 Elarim, 12 Well Rigged, 16 others.

2.15: RADIO HUMBERSIDE 'COUNTRYWIDE' MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div. I) 2-Y-O £684 5f (14)
3 4 Northern Gunner, W. Jarvis, 9-0 N. Day 6
4 2 Ribble Palace, J. Etherington, 9.0 M. Wood 14
7 03 Loft Boy, N. Vigors, 8-12 S. Dawson (5) 1
8 Stay On Song, K. Stone, 8-12 C. Dwyer 4
15 000 Miss Blake, M. Brittain, 8 9 B. Coogan 8
19 00 Spinkhill, M. Camacho, 8.9 N. Connorton 9
20 0 Super Melody, G. Hunter, 8-9 ... R. Hills 10
24 5 Hit The Town, C. Tinkler, 8-8 M. Birch 5
25 0 Motor Master, W. Pearce, 8-8 S. Keightley 13
27 0 Club Together, C. Thornton, 8-7 ... J. Bleasdale 12
30 Aitchandoubleyou, T. Brown, 8-5 ... S. Webster 2
32 Foolish Times, A. Smith, 8-5 ... S. Perks 7
36 Jarvie Dancer, M. W. Easterby, 8 5 — 11
40 000 Sharmeena, R. Hollinshead, 8-5 P. Hill (7) 3
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Loft Boy, 7-2 Ribble Palace, 4 Hit The Town, 5 Northern Gunner, 7 Aitchandoubleyou, 10 Super Melody, 12 Club Together, 16 others.

2.45: RADIO HUMBERSIDE 'MORNINGTIDE' MAIDEN STAKES £1,914 1½m (16)
2 Dream Esteem, B. McLean, 6 9-7 R. Hills 16
9 00044/ Tommy Gunner, H. Fleming, 5 9-7 ... — 11
10 0/ Dew, B. Hobbs, 4 9-4 ... G. Baxter 10
14 0-2 Auchinlea, J. W. Watts, 3 8-5 ... N. Connorton 12
16 000-000 Boganhoy, W. Wharton, 3 8-5 Paul Eddery 13
17 0-0 Buckskin's Best, J. Spearing, 3 8-5 ... A. Kimberley 3
19 0 Creeping, J. Hindley, 3 8-5 ... M. Hills 5
20 000- Daring Ace, R. Houghton, 3 8-5 ... — 4
23 00 Matelot, C. Thornton, 3 8.5 J. Bleasdale 9
25 Ocean Life, M. W. Easterby, 3 8-5 M. Birch 7
31 00-00 Bantel Belle (BL), W. Mackie, 3 8-2 ... O. Gray 2
32 00 Glengame, G. Oldroyd, 3 8 2 ... M. Wood 14
33 0-2 Lady Killane, R. J. Williams, 3 8-2 ... E. Johnson 1
35 000-4 Nesnham, W. Elsey, 3 8-2 L. Charnock 8
36 0 Norfolk Fly, M. Thompkins, 3 8-2 ... W. Woods (5) 6
37 00204-0 Pyrotechnic, G. Pritchard-Gordon, 3 8-2 ... G. Duffield 15
Daring Ace non-runner, states trainer
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Auchinlea, 3 Creeping, 4 Dew, 5 Tommy Gunner, 6 Lady Killane, 8 Pyrotechnic, 12 Ocean Life, 14 others.

3.10: RADIO HUMBERSIDE STEREO SELLING STAKES (Div. II) 3-Y-O £881 (10)
3 400-201 Master Mark (BL), D. Garraton, 9-0 ... G. Duffield 3
10 0-0050 Mickey Finn, M. Lambert, 8-7 D. Oldham 7
13 0000 Run For Fred, J. Parkes, 8-7 S. Webster 5
18 00 Yellow Bear, R. Hollinshead, 8-7 P. Hill (7) 6
21 0-3 Clipsall, M. Tompkins, 8-4 ... R. Curant 10
23 0 Easy Gal, Hbt Jones, 8.4 ... M. Hills 4
25 0000-00 Rymnody, C. Gray, 8-4 ... O. Gray 9
33 00-00 Pick A Tune, Mrs N. Macauley, 8-4 ... — 1
35 0-020 Victoria Miss, W. Wharton, 8.4 ... Gay Kelleway (5) 2
36 00-0 Wyoming, T. Kersey, 8-4 ... A. Proud 8
S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Clipsall, 100-30 Master Mark, 5 Yellow, 6 Victoria Miss, 9 Wyoming, 12 Easy, 14 others.

3.35: RADIO HUMBERSIDE 'COUNTRYWIDE' MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (Div. II) 2-Y-O £684 5f (14)
5 44 Anglian Home, R. Stubbs, 8-12 ... G. Brown (7) 1
6 Doon Venture, J. Etherington, 8-12 ... M. Wood 7
13 Patsy Kelly, M. Lambert, 8-10 D. Oldham 2
13 Skybird, M. Brittain, 8-10 ... B. Coogan 13
14 03 Stonegrave (BF), R. Boss, 8.10 M. Miller 9
17 04 Paddington Belle, K. Ivory, 8-9 G. Duffield 12
21 0 Bantel Bowler, W. Mackie, 8-8 R. Lines (5) 8
22 0 Sills Ahead, T. Fairhurst, 8-8 C. Coates (5) 14
23 Hanson Lad, W. Haigh, 8-8 ... — 5
31 Below Stairs, E. Carter, 8-5 ... Wendy Carter (7) 3
34 Golden Guilder, M. W. Easterby, 8-5 — 4
35 025 Jersey Maid, C. Tinkler, 8-5 M. Birch 10
37 0 Jovsong, J. Rowlands, 8-5 ... — 11
38 3 Menites, B. Hobbs, 8-5 ... G. Baxter 6
S.P. FORECAST: 10-11 Menites, 4 Stonegrave, 5 Jersey Maid, 6 Paddington Belle, 8 Patsy Kelly, 12 Anglian Home, 14 others.

Newcastle card and riders

HOTSPUR	FORM
6.15—Guisborough Town	6.15—Turn and Fly
6.45—Heron's Reflection	6.45—Midsummer Express
7.15—Taelos	7.15—Taelos
7.45—Gearys Cold Rolled	7.45—Good Crack
8.15—Don't Forget	8.15—Mullacurry
8.45—Rivers' Edge	8.45—Not Easy

Advance Official Going: GOOD

6.15: COHORT NOVICES' HURDLE Penalty Value £905 2m 120y (25 declared)
1 011 Guisborough Town (D), G. Calvert, 5 12-3 ... A. Stringer
2 220 Carlingford Bay, R. Gray, 6 11-10 A. Brown
4 013 Derek's Bay, J. Redfern, 8 11-10 ... M. Pepper
5 00F Autumn Ballet (BL), A. Scott, 6 11-3 ... P. A. Charlton
6 0114 Cimarron, M. Naughton, 7 11-3 ... P. A. Farrell (4)
10 Crooning Berry, W. Musson, 6 11-3 ... P. Scudamore
11 0 Fascadale, J. Fitzgerald, 11 11-3 ... M. Dwyer
13 Laddie, J. H. Johnson, 5 11-3 ... G. Bradley
14 040 Liverpool Rambler, K. Oliver, 6 11-3 T. G. Dun
16 Master Jamie, Mrs J. Barr, 5 11-3 Mr N. Tutty
17 PP0 Mickey Cinders, R. Gray, 7 11-3 S. Charlton
18 000 Murton, R. Barr, 6 11-3 ... Mr M. Sowersby (7)
22 P0 Prince Link, Miss J. Allinson, 5 11-3 D. Dutton
23 040 Rhein Lad, T. Barnes, 5 11-3 ... J. O'Neill
24 000 Rotate, W. Murray, 5 11-3 ... B. Storey
25 030 Royal Scene, F. Walton, 6 11-3 ... Mr J. Walton
29 0 Terrapins Surprise, J. Hanson, 6 11-3 ... C. Pimlott
30 Tom Posse, D. Lee, 6 11-3 ... C. Grant
31 000 Uptown, J. Barry, 5 11-3 ... Mr J. Quinn (7)
32 0 Gold Mild Lady, W. Tinning, 6 10-12 ... R. Earnshaw
33 Streelo, A. Macraggart, 5 10-12 ... P. Tuck
35 0 Smile Again, W. A. Stephenson, 5 10-12 ... K. Jones
39 0 Major's Request, E. Weymes, 4 10-11 ... J. D. Davies (7)
41 042 Turn And Fly, B. Wilkinson, 4 10-11 ... Mr G. Harker (4)
43 00 Inrange, R. W. Johnson, 4 10-6 ... Miss F. Storey (4)
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Guisborough Town, 4 Turn And Fly, 6 Fascadale, Crooning Berry, 8 Cimarron, Dereks Bay, 10 Rhein Lad, 12 Autumn Ballet, 16 others.

6.45: CENTURION NOVICES' CHASE £1,258 3m (10)
1 F05 Binge, J. Aynsley, 9 12-7 ... B. Storey
2 U33 Heron's Reflection, W. A. Stephenson, 7 12-0 ... P. Tuck
5 F01 Super Tony (D), F. Walton, 8 12-0 ... —
6 F30 Purple Beam (BF), T. Barnes, 6 11-8 C. Grant
7 3-00 Sushello, J. D. Thompson, 10 11-7 ... —
8 P/P0 Correct Check, A. Perceval, 11 11-7 ... J. Hanmer
10 F04 Just Billy, J. Alder, 8 11-7 Mrs V. Jackson (4)
11 4F3 Midsummer Express, C. Parker, 8 11-7 ... G. Bradley
12 042 Mighty Run, W. A. Stephenson, 7 11-7 ... K. Jones
14 0F8 Price of Peace (BL), T. C. Doyle, 7 11-7 ... J. O'Neill
Super Tony non-runner, states trainer
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Heron's Reflection, 3 Midsummer Express, 9-2 Binge, 5 Purple Beam, 8 Just Billy, 10 Mighty Run, 12 others.

7.15: NEWCASTLE CHAMPION NOVICES' HURDLE £2,910 2½m (17)
1 110 Castle Ometar, J. Hanson 7 11-7 ... C. Pimlott
2 011 Ferny Foster (D), W. A. Stephenson, 5 11-7 ... T. G. Dun
5 421 Chipchase, B. Wilkinson, 5 11-4 ... Mr G. Harker (4)
6 241 Conscription (D), J. Leigh, 5 11-4 ... Mr P. Blackburn (4)
8 002 Prince Santiago (D), Denys Smith, 6 11-4 ... C. Grant
9 030 Roman Dusk (D), J. Charlton, 5 11-4 ... R. Earnshaw
11 228 Target Man (C) (BF), W. A. Stephenson, 5 11-2 ... M. Maguire (7)
12 442 Whats What, B. Bousfield, 6 11-2 ... B. Storey
13 100 Newmarket Sweeper (D) (BF), G. M. Moore, 4 12-0 ... D. Nolan
14 111 Taelos (C), A. Scott, 4 11-0 ... T. A. Charlton
19 2001 Tifo, R. Batt, 7 10-13 ... Mr M. Sowersby (7)
20 050 Calira (CD), Miss M. Bonsall, 4 10-12 ... Mr T. Reed (4)
22 045 Silver Snow, Mrs E. Scott, 7 10-11 ... D. Browne
23 122 Jim Thorpe, G. Richards, 4 10-9 ... P. Tuck
26 000 Right Cloudy, P. Liddle, 7 10-7 ... G. W. Grey
28 341 Brimstone Lady, W. Musson, 4 10-6 ... P. Scudamore
31 0 Sun Bed, Mrs C. Postlethwaite, 4 10-6 ... P. A. Charlton
S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Taelos, 5 Brimstone Lady, 11-2 Jim Thorpe, 8 Ferny Foster, 10 Target Man, 14 Conscription, Chipchase, 16 others.

7.45: LEGION HANDICAP CHASE £1,783 3m (12)
1 003 Good Crack (CD), J. Hanson, 8 12-3 ... C. Pimlott
2 453 Why Forget (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 9 12-0 ... K. Jones
4 F40 Alteries (D), W. A. Stephenson, 7 11-10 ... P. Tuck
6 121 The Drunken Duck, G. Richards, 12 11-3 ... D. Coakley (4)
7 F00 Saint Rupert (D), Mrs M. Dickinson, 9 11-5 ... G. Bradley
8 100 Don Step, J. FitzGerald, 9 11-4 ... M. Dwyer
10 344 Powder Horn (D), Mrs J. Barr, 8 10-12 ... R. Earnshaw
11 2F0 Sweet Crisis (D), R. Hawkey, 11 10-8 ... B. Storey
12 311 Gearys Cold Rolled (C), Denys Smith, 8 10-6 (12lb ex) ... C. Grant
15 481 Little Frenchman (D), K. Robson, 12 10-2 (5lb ex) ... D. Browne
18 004 Laskea, E. Alston, 18 10-0 ... D. Dutton
19 0F2 Hary Glen, T. Barnes, 7 10-0 ... J. O'Neill
S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Gearys Cold Rolled, 3 Little Frenchman, 5 Good Crack, 6 Why Forget, 8 Prince Rowan, 10 Hary Glen, 12 Alteries, 16 others.

8.15: JOHN J. STRAKER HANDICAP CHASE (Amateur Riders) £1,724 2½m (10)
2 212 Don't Forget (D), J. Hanson, 11 11-13 ... R. J. Beggan
3 314 Mullacurry (CD), J. FitzGerald, 15 11-11 ... S. Mullins (7)
4 413 Poynts Pass (D), R. Fisher, 10 11-3 ... A. Fowler
7 P-13 Ram The Thor, F. Walton, 10 10-3 ... J. Walton
9 020 Swift Albany (CD), R. Robinson, 11 10-2 ... —
11 1145 Meggies Dene (D), Miss M. Bonsall, 9 10-0 ... T. Reed (4)
15 0PP Sock Shot, Mrs A. Hamilton, 9 10-0 ... C. Storey (7)
17 020 Shining Sam, R. Johnson, 10 10-0 ... P. Johnson (7)
18 0U2 Dom Mancini, Lady Renwick, 10 10-0 ... P. Craggs
19 0/PF Flettie Palmer, Mrs F. Gray, 10 10-0 ... Miss T. Gray (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 2 Don't Forget, 3 Mullacurry, 4 Poynts Pass, 6 Ram The Thor, 8 Swift Albany, 12 Meggies Dene, 14 others.

8.45: HADRIAN HANDICAP HURDLE £915 2m 120y (15)
2 021 Rivers Edge, Denys Smith, 7 12-3 (10lb ex) ... B. Thompson (7)
4 400 Crackhill, Miss S. Hall, 6 11-6 ... Mr G. Harker (7)
5 032 Amantiss (CD), J. Hanson, 7 11-1 ... C. Pimlott
7 00-0 Battlefield Band, F. Calvert, 8 11-1 ... J. O'Neill
9 200 Tasty Guy, R. F. Fisher, 6 10-12 ... P. Tuck
10 004 High Drop (BL), F. S. Storey, 5 10-8 ... B. Storey
11 019 Thorbell Arch (CD), R. Gray, 6 10-7 ... S. Charlton
12 441 Grey Heat, W. Storey, 7 10 5 ... K. Keelan (4)
13 000 Malon Rock, T. A. Barnes, 4 10-5 ... C. Grant
14 004 Kindred, Ron Thompson, 9 10-4 ... —
18 P00 Connector, D. Yeoman, 6 10-0 ... C. Hawkins
19 0P1 Not Easy (CD), W. A. Stephenson, 5 10-0 ... J. O'Gorman (5)
21 000 Little Mittens, R. E. Barr, 7 10-0 ... Mr M. Sowersby (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 7-4 Not Easy, 100-30 Rivers Edge, 11-2 Kindred, 5 Tasty Guy, 8 Thorbell Arch, 10 Amantiss.

BANGOR-ON-DEE PROGRAMME

HOTSPUR	FORM
2.15—Morice	2.15—Glen Maye
2.45—Coral John	2.45—Optimum
3.15—Star Burst	3.15—Star Burst
3.45—Clannad	3.45—Red Columbia
4.15—Deep Ridge	4.15—Deep Ridge
4.45—Aletis	4.45—Oliver Anthony
5.15—Spencer's Lane	5.15—Sir Badsworth

Advance official going: GOOD TO FIRM

2.15: TYBEROUGHTON SELLING HURDLE Penalty Value £909 2m 80y (20 declared)
2 212 Glen Maye, R. Francis, 6 11-12 ... C. Cowley (7)
5 310 Candaules (CD), C. James, 7 11-7 ... —
6 0/0F- Chicastan, M. Davies, 8 11-7 ... J. Brown (7)
8 000 Draw The Line, B. Richmond, 6 11-7 ... P. Corrigan (7)
11 F03 Hawaiian Heir (BL) (BF), W. Clay, 6 11-7 ... S. J. O'Neill
13 02/ Morice, M. Pipe, 7 12-0 ... P. Leach
14 0/00 Parson's Pride, K. Wingrove, 10 11-7 ... Mr L. Lay (7)
17 20-0 Rabeonshira, R. Preece, 9 11-7
19 00P Rodare (CD), W. Whiston, 6 11-7 ... R. Crank
21 0UP Sutterfield, C. Holmes, 7 11-7 ... A. Webb
22 000 Solidor, Mrs S. Davenport, 9 11-7 ... R. Linley
23 000 Spotsylvania (BL), P. Bevan, 7 11-7 ... R. Hatfield (7)
24 180 The Vinegar Man, J. Fox, 13 11-7 ... Martina O'Brien (7)
26 00F Tourolong, K. White, 11 11-7 ... P. Finch (7)
27 P40 Walterstown, Mrs M. Thomas, 9 11-7 ... Mr K. McMahon (7)
32 P00 Florence, K. Wingrove, 9 11-2
35 000 Sparkler Superb, P. Pritchard, 8 11-2 ... C. Mann
36 000 Dreadnought, J. Carden, 5 11-1 ... Mr J. Carden
37 140 Bellekino, R. Frost, 4 10-12 ... J. Frost
41 000 Upland Goose, Mrs D. Williams, 4 10-5 J. Bryan
S.P. FORECAST: 3 Morice, 7-2 Glen Maye, 5 The Vinegar Man, 13-2 Bellekino, Hawaiian Heir, 10 Candaules, 12 Sutterfield, 16 others.

2.45: WYNNSTAY HUNT NORTH WESTERN AREA POINT-TO-POINT CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL (Hunters' Chase, Amateur Riders) £1,025 3m 214y (18)
1 5F3/ Coral John (BL), Mrs D. Swinnerton, 9 12-8 ... S. Brookshaw (7)
2 44F Isaac, P. Furnival, 10 12-0 Miss C. Pollard (7)
3 41F/ Leam Lord, R. Baxter, 9 12-0 Miss S. Baxter (7)
4 2/50 Lineafold (C) (BF), Miss B. Broad, 14 12-0 ... Miss B. Broad (7)
5 010/ Metal Man, R. Wilberforce, 11 12-0 ... R. Wilberforce (7)
6 23F- Optimum (C), R. Stone, 7 12-0 L. Greacen (7)
7 P31- Fare-An-Velvet (CD), Mrs T. Kinsey, 12 12-0 ... S. Crank
8 B0 Blakeley Lane, R. Edwards, 7 11-9 ... S. Edwards (7)
10 P- Darzee's Story (BL), S. Stokes, 9 11-9 ... T. Stokes (7)
11 Double Decision, J. Gilchrist, 8 11-9 ... —
12 000/ Hyde, L. Anderson, 9 11-9 ... G. Hanmer (7)
13 5F9 Jimmy Thompson, D. Hockenhull, 8 11-9 ... Mrs S. Dickie (7)
14 Keep Watch, J. Lilley, 11 11-9 R. Greenway (7)
15 2F- Pelican Falls, R. Prince, 12 11-9 D. Prince (7)
16 0-0U Raiplala, Mrs K. Ratcliffe, 10 11-9 ... C. Ratcliffe (7)
17 P-PF Sentimental Me, D. Dipple, 10 11-9 G. Jones (7)
18 Catherine Tudor, J. Gilchrist, 8 11-4 ... —
20 PF0/ Rosa Trout, Miss A. Hone, 8 11-4 ... Miss A. Hone (7)
Double Decision & Catherine Tudor non-runners, state trainers
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Optimum, 4 Fare-An-Velvet, Coral John, 11-2 Pelican Falls, 13-2 Lineafold, 10 Isaac.

3.15: D. HUGLIN (LONDON) LTD HANDICAP HURDLE £1,695 2m 80y (7)
3 211 Star Burst (CD), R. Francis, 8 11-12 (5lb ex) ... C. Crowley (7)
10 001 Molon Lave, O. O'Neill, 8 11-3 (5lb ex) ... J. Suthern
11 000 Asia Minor (D), C. Hitchins, 9 11-2 ... R. Hyett
12 440 Some Jinks, W. Clay, 9 11-1 ... S. J. O'Neill
16 034 Star Alliance, R. Morris, 7 10-3 ... W. Morris
17 PF0 Tight Turn, R. Frost, 6 10-1 ... J. Frost
18 030 Chl-Mal (BL), J. Norton, 5 10-0 ... D. Fisher (4)
S.P. FORECAST: 4-9 Star Burst, 9-4 Molon Lave, 6 Star Alliance, 8 Some Jinks, 12 Tight Turn, 14 others.

3.45: WIN WITH THE TOTE MAIDEN HURDLE £1,188 2½m (15)
1 330 Clannad, R. Fisher, 6 11-5 ... K. Ryan (7)
2 002 Eric's Wish, Mrs J. Evans, 5 11-5 J. D. Davies (7)
4 P00 Lex Spirit, Mr M. O'Leary, 11 11-5 ... C. Mann
6 0-P0 Rugged Spirit, R. Frost, 5 11-5 ... J. Frost
7 F0P Sawyer's Son, Mrs P. Robson, 6 11-5 Mrs P. Robson
9 0 Terry's Lad, W. Wharton, 5 11-5 ... R. Strange
11 00P Gray Rose-Boy, E. Owen jun, 5 10-12 P. Dever
12 00P Heavenly Princess, A. Watson, 5 10-12 ... J. McLaughlin
14 000 Hopeful Dreamer, Mrs C. Clark, 6 10-12 ... —
17 000 Tinaheo Angel, J. Fox, 6 10-12 ... Martina O'Brien (7)
18 PP0 Torbay Weekender, M. Pipe, 7 10-12 P. Leach
19 P0 Vallee des Reves, M. Eckley, 6 10-12 A. O'Hagan
22 000 Mahogany Hall, Mrs G. Bartle, 4 10-11 ... —
23 2 Red Columbia, W. Mann, 4 10-11 S. J. O'Neill
24 F0U T W S Homes, B. Richmond, 4 10-11 S. Johnson
S.P. FORECAST: 3-4 Red Columbia, 3 Clannad, 5 Eric's Wish, 10 Torbay Weekender, 14 Terry's Lad, 16 others.

4.15: MAELOR NOVICES' CHASE £1,254 2m 170y (15)
2 F-P1 Ballic (C), O. O'Neill, 9 11-7 ... J. Suthern
5 F33 Abalight, Mrs M. Thomas, 7 11-0 ... C. Mann
6 3PU Arctic Fen, W. Mann, 9 11-0 ... P. Carroll
7 0-03 Cosky File, P. Ransom, 8 11-0 ... R. Dunwoody
10 323 Deep Ridge, Mrs M. Rimell, 7 11-0 ... R. Linley
11 040 Fjordms, N. Tinkler, 7 11-0 ... N. Tinkler
12 0-PP Goldrey (BL), W. Whiston, 6 11-0 ... T. Wall
13 00-0 Handy Gray, B. Cambidge, 7 11-0 ... Mr J. Cambidge (4)
14 F54 Jabiroo (BL), E. Ferris, 9 11-0 ... J. Goodwin (4)
15 000 Le Touquet, R. Hatlin, 6 11-0 ... J. Nolan
17 0UP Little Sixham, B. Richmond, 8 11-0 R. Johnson
19 041 Peter Anthony, R. Hickman, 7 11-0 ... —
20 P4P Stan's Pet (BL), P. Bevan, 7 11-0 ... C. Smith
22 034 Victor Dab (BL), M. Capell, 7 11-0 W. Kars (7)
24 001 Porto Louise, W. Clay, 6 10-9 ... S. J. O'Neill
Peter Anthony non-runner, states trainer
S.P. FORECAST: Evens Deep Ridge, 7-2 Ballic, 13-2 Porto Louise, 8 Cosky File, 12 Abalight, Jabiroo, 16 others.

4.45: DEE NOVICES' HURDLE £790 2m 80y (14)
3 000 Footwork, R. Perkins, 5 11-5 ... Dai Williams
5 00 Narbore Boy, B. Richmond, 5 11-5 S. Johnson
6 434 Oliver Anthony, N. Gaselee, 5 11-5 ... Miss S. Lawrence (7)
8 043 Ruby And Sapphire, B. Cambidge, 6 11-5 ... Mr J. Cambidge (4)
9 FP0 Stay Share, B. Richmond, 5 11-5 ... P. Corrigan (7)
12 00/0 White Banks (BL), R. Crellin, 6 11-5 ... E. Waltton (7)
14 000 Aletis, Mrs A. Finch, 4 11-0 ... R. Linley
16 043 Arbitrage, J. Mahon, 4 11-0 ... —
17 Claredel, K. White, 10 11-0 ... P. Finch (7)
22 0 Low Properties, G. Jones, 4 11-0 ... G. Jones
27 000 Video Lad, B. Preece, 4 11-0 ... R. Strange
28 0F0 Actis, E. Owen jun, 4 10-9 ... P. Dever
29 0 Cass Avon, Mrs M. Thomas, 4 10-9 ... C. Mann
31 00F Janeys Delight, R. Francis, 4 10-9 C. Cowley (7)
Arbitrage runs 6.15 Warwick, states trainer.
S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Footwork, 7-2 Aletis, 4 Oliver Anthony, 6 Ruby And Sapphire, 8 Janey's Delight.

5.15: RUABON HANDICAP CHASE £1,682 2½m 70y (4)
5 140 Spencer's Lane, J. Fox, 9 11-7 ... S. Moore
12 U24 Bronwyn (BF), Mrs S. Davenport, 8 10-5 ... R. Linley
13 4T4 Sir Badsworth (CD), T. Laxton, 7 10-4 ... M. Brisbourne
14 P0P Tom Sawyer, A. Watson, 11 10-0 J. McLaughlin
S.P. FORECAST: 11-8 Spencers Lane, 7-4 Sir Badsworth, 3 Bronwyn, 16 Tom Sawyer.

Warwick fields and jockeys

HOTSPUR	FORM
5.45—No Sale	5.45—Vivre Pour Vivre
6.15—Shepherd's Hymn	6.15—Bluelimit
6.45—Kilbrittain Castle	6.45—Kilbrittain Castle
7.15—Hope End	7.15—Kamir
7.45—Golden Ty	7.45—Golden Ty
8.15—The Liquidator	8.15—The Liquidator
8.45—High Renown	8.45—Light Song

Advance Official Going: GOOD

5.45: EL CAPISTRANO VILLA CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE Penalty Value £876 2m (16 declared)
1 P0P Vitosso (D), 6 11-10 ... K. Burke
2 000 Charlie's Seat, 6 11-5 ... G. Williams
4 000 Fieldom, 3 11-5 ... —
5 004 Friday Street, 6 11-5 ... M. Hoad
10 000 Miss Shamrock, 5 11-5 ... A. Mulholland (5)
11 01/3 No Sale (BL) (D), 6 11-5 ... D. Maslow (5)
12 300 Potential, 6 11-5 ... Sharon James
13 000 Rodocne (D), 5 11-5 ... Georgina Herbert (5)
15 3P0 Swedish Tine (D), 6 11-5 ... A. Charlton (5)
16 002 Vivre Pour Vivre (BL), 5 11-5 ... P. Croucher
17 P0 Bedwell Boy, 4 11-0 ... A. Taylor (5)
18 P04 Betablend, 4 11-0 ... A. Roberts (5)
19 P Carr Finale, 4 11-0 ... D. Burchell (5)
21 060 Bonnie Toni, 4 10-9 ... W. Worthington
22 Elegant Nell, 4 10-9 ... A. Lee (5)
23 Lucy Kings, 4 10-9 ... W. Humphreys (5)
Fieldom non-runner, states trainer.
S.P. FORECAST: 5-2 Vivre Pour Vivre, 3 Swedish Tine, 4 No Sale, 11-2 Miss Shamrock, 7 Betablend, 10 Fieldom, 14 others.

6.15: WALTON HALL HEALTH FARM NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE £751 2m (10)
6 000 Harbour Bridge (D), 5 11-7 ... M. Perrett
7 441 Shepherd's Hymn (D), 4 11-5 ... P. Crank
9 011 Bluelimit (BL) (D), 4 11-5 ... C. Brown
12 205 Penny Venue, 5 11-3 ... S. Morshead
13 050 Celtic Friend (BL) (BF), 5 10-11 P. Finch (7)
20 040 Quasic Farce, 5 10-10 ... A. Sharpe
21 010 Miss Malleswold (D), 5 10-9 ... S. Smith
23 PP0 Rimshill, 5 10-7 ... Lorna Vincent
26 140 Burgundy Star, 4 10-5 ... C. Smith
27 043 Arbitrage, 4 10-5 ... J. Duggan
S.P. FORECAST: 3 Bluelimit, 4 Celtic Friend, 9-2 Shepherd's Hymn, 6 Arbitrage, 8 Penny Venue, Miss Malleswold, 12 Quasic Farce, 16 others.

6.45: WALTON HALL COUNTRY CLUB HANDICAP CHASE £1,577 2½m (7)
1 003 Kilbrittain Castle, 9 12-5 ... S. Moore
3 154 Restless Shot (D), 10 12-3 ... M. Jenkins (7)
5 452 Celtic Brew (D) (BF), 8 11-8 ... S. Morshead
10 311 Cole Porter, 10 10-8 ... G. Williams (4)
11 413 Gatling (BL) (BF), 10 10-0 Miss G. Armytage (7)
12 300 Maughton Marauder, 8 10-0 ... N. Hunter (7)
14 032 Spilling Cavalier, 9 10-0 ... Anne Madwick (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 15-8 Kilbrittain Castle, 3 Celtic Brew, 7-2 Restless Shot, 5 Cole Porter, 8 Gatling.

7.15: WALTON HALL LEISURE CENTRE NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE £1,301 2½m (12)
1 143 Gratification (BL), 8 11-12 ... R. de Haan
3 440 Crown Land, 10 11-6 ... Mr A. Sherwood
4 111 Kamir (C), 5 11-6 (7lb ex) ... T. Jarvis (4)
5 341 Flexen Tine (CD), 7 10-6 ... G. Mernagh
7 311 Hope End (D), 7 10-2 (7lb ex) ... C. Jones
9 R4F Laurel Hill (BL), 8 10-0 ... M. Perrett
10 0U0 Senrab (BL), 9 10-0 ... —
11 000 River Sheen, 7 10-0 ... Miss G. Armytage (7)
15 FP0 Reprieve, 8 10-0 ... C. Mann
16 04-4 War Correspondent, 8 10-0 ... S. Morshead
17 045 Market Man, 6 10-0 ... Peter Hobbs
18 06U Baraaby Ridge, 7 10-0 ... M. Bastard
S.P. FORECAST: 9-4 Hope End, 4 Kamir, 9-2 Gratification, 6 Flexen Tine, 8 War Correspondent, 12 Crown Land, 14 Market Man, 20 others.

7.45: R M C GROUP NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (Amateur Riders) £909 3m (16)
1 121 Golden Ty (D), 7 12-8 ... A. Orkney (7)
2 02F Brockie Law, 7 12-5 ... Miss T. Webber (7)
3 3-1 Political Whip, 7 12-5 ... T. Walford (7)
5 552 Sidbury Hill (D), 9 12-5 ... S. J. Wilson
6 1 Tealby Lad, 10 12-5 ... J. Wrathall (7)
9 605 Bachelor Lad, 10 12-0 ... M. Price (7)
10 Bishop's Hill, 8 12-0 ... J. Watson
12 F/0F Coinsta, 9 12-0 ... S. Blyth (7)
14 FPP Early Nite, 7 12-0 ... S. Hart (7)
17 F2-0 Just Once, 8 12-0 ... A. Hill (7)
19 5P0 Tremble (BL), 7 12-0 ... T. Smith (7)
24 P0G Odd Member, 6 12-0 ... —
30 040 Wood Jumper, 7 12-0 ... G. Upton (7)
33 Contrary Lady, 8 11-9 ... M. Weston (7)
35 0P7 Miss Wilbert, 11 11-9 ... R. Taylor (7)
38 F-RP North Street, 5 11-7 ... Miss M. Sowter (7)
S.P. FORECAST: 6-4 Golden Ty, 4 Political Whip, 5 Brockie Law, 8 Sidbury Hill, 12 Tealby Lad.

8.15: WALTON HALL DUEL OF CHAMPIONS 1m 6f 180y (2)
1 040 Shampoosey, 4 10-10 ... J. Francome
2 30-0 The Liquidator, 5 10-2 ... L. Piggott
Reserves: [illegible] (for Shampoosey), [illegible] (for The Liquidator).
S.P. FORECAST: 4-6 The Liquidator, evens Shampoosey.

8.45: WALTON HALL TIMESHARE HANDICAP HURDLE £1,422 2m 5f (18)
2 211 Light Song, 6 11-10 (6lb ex) ... K. Mooney
3 00? Easter Lee, 5 11-9 ... C. Brown
4 140 Wild Corn, 6 11-6 ... M. Perrett
10 1/P0 Averanas, 6 11-4 ... B. Davies
12 001 High Renown, 5 10-12 (6lb ex) Mr S. Sherwood
13 02? Lady Tut, 5 10-11 ... R. Crank
16 0P0 City Link Express (D), 8 10-9 ... Steve Knight
17 4P0 Medlington (C), 6 10-8 ... G. McCourt
20 0BF Lor Moss, 7 10-8 ... C. Smith
21 040 Crimson Knight, 6 10-6 ... J. Frost
22 P00 Fortune Cookie, 10 10-5 ... N. Hunter (7)
23 00-0 Rivers End, 7 10-4 ... B. Reilly
24 13F Blackhouse, 6 10-1 ... A. Maguire
25 0P-0 Typeset (BL), 7 10-1 ... —
26 423 Princely Drive (C), 7 10-0 ... A. Gorman
31 005 Fall of Love, 6 10-0 ... J. Lower
34 00 P Snowflake, 5 10-0 ... J. Barlow
35 FPP Claptc Occasion (BL), 10 10-0 ... P. Cheval
S.P. FORECAST: 11-4 Light Song, 7-2 Easter Lee, 9-2 High Renown, 7 Wild Corn, 8 Lady Tut, 10 Medlington, Lor Moss, 14 others.

PRISMATIC HAS EDGE IN BATTLE OF BRITONS

By MARLBOROUGH (John Oaksey)

ALL-ENGLISH finishes to important races have been far from common in 1985 but Prismatic and Teleprompter gave us a great one in the Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes at Newbury yesterday.

Although clearly back to his redoubtable best, Lord Derby's Teleprompter found the concession of 21lb to Lord Howard de Walden's three-year-old just beyond him.

It was probably not so much the weight which beat Teleprompter, as the way the race was run.

After leading two furlongs out, he was passed by Prismatic 100 yards from home. But he fought back like a tiger and would have won in a few more strides.

Royal Ascot target

The archaic rules of the European pattern do not allow Teleprompter to run in Group I races so his next target will be the Queen Anne Stakes. This is one of Henry Cecil's favourite Royal Ascot races and Prismatic, whose dam is a half-sister to Kris, will probably run there as well.

Half-an-hour later, Cecil showed as an even more likely Royal Ascot winner when Abha maintained his unbeaten record in the Hue-Williams Stakes. This was his fourth victory in as many attempts and Steve Cauthen never needed to show him the whip. The Jersey Stakes is his objective.

Tony Ives, by contrast, had to ride Fayruz like a man inspired to collect their sixth victory together in the May Stakes. They were furiously challenged throughout the last furlong by Pat Eddery on In Toto, and Fayruz, who was conceding 7lb, needed all his courage to hold on.

In that respect, he closely resembles his famous stable-companion Provideo, and Bill O'Gorman reckons Fayruz the faster over five furlongs. The horse's next race will be the National Stakes at Sandown Park but if, as seems probable, five furlongs is his limit, Provideo's unique total of 16 wins as a two-year-old will surely be beyond him.

Tree satisfied

In Toto, a son of Mr Prospector, was Jeremy Tree's first two-year-old runner of the season. "Now I'm going home to gloat over the others who are two stone better," the trainer said cheerfully. It remains to be seen to what extent he was joking!

Dance Machine could finish only third to Merle and Perfect Match in the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes but neither her rider Lester Piggott, nor most other people think any less of her prospects in the Gold Seal Oaks.

With her path barred on the inside until the race was almost over, Dance Machine finished best of all. "Lester did not exactly promise to ride her," John Dunlop told us afterwards, "but he did say we ought to run." The trainer will also send his Lingfield Park winner Kiliniski to Epsom.

Ron Sheather is convinced Merle should have finished much closer to his other good filly Stella Grande in the 1,000 Guineas. "There is nothing between them", he says, "but Merle got no sort of run at Newmarket."

She showed her ability in no uncertain fashion yesterday, probably much helped by the softer ground. Provided enough rain falls, Sheather might run her in the Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot.

FRENCH FIELDS

LONGCHAMP, TOMORROW

Prix Lupin £65,945: 3-Y-O. 1m 2½f. Bellwater (L. Piggott), Candy Stripes (P. Eddery), Rivlia (G. Dubroeucq), Iades (C. Asmussen), No Pass No Sale (Y. Saint-Martin), French School (G. Mosse), Metal Precieux (A. Lequeux), Presque Parfait (G. Mosse), Silvermine (T. Head).

SP Forecast: 7-4 Silvermine, 11-4 No Pass No Sale, 5 Metal Precieux, French School and Presque Parfait (combined), 5 Candy Stripes, 8 Bellwater, 12 Iades, 25 Rivlia.

HOTSPUR'S "TWELVE"

Pictograph (11.45 Beverley) and Careen (12.30 Newbury) are horses listed in Hotspur's Twelve to Follow (Flat) engaged today. None of the NH "Twelve" is engaged.

WHISTLER'S NAP

Dioyn Bach (12.45 Beverley) is today's revised nap by Whistler of the SUNDAY TELEGRAPH.

NEWMARKET SELECTIONS

NEWBURY: 12.0 Sunvita; 12.30 Rent Or Buy (nap); 1.0 Arrow To Heaven; 1.30 Civame; 2.0 High Tension; 2.30 Spanish Bold; 3.0 Batter. BEVERLEY: 11.45 Protection; 12.15 Pamela Heaney; 12.45 Symphysium; 1.15 Concentrer; 1.45 Empress Corinne; 2.15 Northern Gunner; 2.45 Lady Killane; 3.10 Clipsall; 3.35 Menitas.

NORTHERN CORRESPONDENT

BEVERLEY. — 11.45, Protection; 12.15, Lord Jagged; 12.45, Noon Parade; 1.15, Jaldaire; 1.45, Gods Law; 2.15, Ribble Palace (nap); 2.45, Creeping; 3.10, Master Mark; 3.35, Menitas.

Derek Ricketts and Master Guy on their way to victory in yesterday's Chelsea Alternatives Stakes at Uxbridge. PICTURE: SRDJA DJUKANOVIC

Point-to-point

TENESONG TO PROVE POTENTIAL

By DAVID WELCH

TENESONG, who finally got his jumping right at the Fernie earlier this month, bypasses the Melton Hunt Club novice championship at Garthorpe today, but can underline his potential in the Restricted (Div. I).

Tenesong, a most impressive looking son of True Song, failed to finish in three of his four races before the Fernie, but did nothing wrong there, winning by six lengths from Liberty Bodice.

Stablemate Bardini will take Tenesong's place in the novice event, the trophy for which was donated by the late husband of Bardini's owner, Mrs Jill Bennion.

Castle Andrea, fifth in the Audi final at Sandown Park, is entered here, as well as in the Members' and the Farmers, but the one they all have to beat is Peter Greenall's Highland Blaze.

Teresa Webber's White Paper is slightly lame and will miss the Farmers'. Mackelly, who has never quite recovered from a cut he received at Ampton, will be an absentee from the Ladies'.

Cotswold Vale (Andoversford), 6 m S.E. Cheltenham, 2.0). Dulverton West (Bratton Down, 11 m N. South Molton, 2.0). Llandeilo Farmers (Erw Lon, 19 m N. Carmarthen, 2.0). Melton Hunt Club (Garthorpe, 6 m E. Melton Mowbray, 2.0). West Kent (Penshurst, 4 m S.W. Tonbridge, 2.0).

In-form Skelton holds off Lewis

By ALAN SMITH

NICK SKELTON continued his winning streak on the opening day of the new Sanderson's Charity Show at Uxbridge yesterday when he and Everest Domino won the Kailim Middlesex Area International Trial.

A huge class produced a 20-horse jump-off over a course singularly lacking in rhythm, but Skelton, twice a winner at Windsor last week, attacked it in typical fashion.

It was only by 0·03 sec. that he held the challenge of the young Essex rider Annette Lewis on the flying grey Tutein, a courageous and athletic performer who jumped almost clear off the Derby Bank at Hickstead last year.

These two were well ahead of the third-placed Andy Austin on Certain Smile.

Derek Ricketts, sixth here on Colina, took first and third in the Chelsea Alternative Stakes on Graham Sparks' Master Guy and Master Matchbox, both of whom he has been riding for only six weeks.

Improving pair

Both horses are 10-year-olds and have had a variety of riders in their careers, but Ricketts said: "Neither of them has been overjumped, just two or three months each year, so they are only coming to their best now."

This was another marathon, but the enthusiastic organisers, who are hoping for big crowds today and tomorrow in aid of the Save the Children Fund, are already making plans for shorter, more entertaining classes in the future, and their 100-acre site is ideally situated for a show.

KAILIM MIDDLESEX A-I-T: Earl of Inchcape's Everest Domino (N. Skelton) 1; First to Flight Ltd's Tutein (Miss A. Lewis) 2; Marketlink Ltd's Certain Smile (A. Austin) 3.

CHELSEA ALTERNATIVE STKS: G. Sparks' Master Guy and Master Matchbox (D. Ricketts) 1 & 3; G.S.G.A. Marketing's Wimbledon (G. Gillespie) 2.

Devon County Show

CONSOLATION FOR SMITH

ROBERT SMITH and Sanyo Olympic Video, narrowly beaten for Thursday's main prize at the Devon County Show, Exeter, made amends in yestrday's Rougemont Castle Stakes.

As on the previous day, Philip Heffer qualified both his horses for the jump-off and was again aultless each timee, with Viewpoint clocking two seconds faster time than Saucy Brown.

After both Greg Smith, from Australia, on Whyella, and Tony Newbery on McGuire Esquire failed the final fence, the Essex rider stood first and second.

ROUGEMONT CASTLE STKS.—Team Sanyo's Sanyo Olympic Video (R. Smith) 1; P. Heffer's Viewpoint & Saucy Brown 2 & 3.

SMALL HUNTER BREEDING.—D. Kellow's broodmare Shalbourne New Romance, Champion. Mrs P. Jackson's 2-Y-O Miamore Conundrum, reserve.

PONY BREEDING.—CHAMPION LED PONY: Mrs M. Mansfield's broodmare Trellech Gisele.

YOUNG STOCK CHAMPION.—Mrs S. Colledge's 2-Y-O Oakley For Fun. Mrs M. Mansfield's 2-Y-O Chirk Wind-Flower, reserve.

Three-Day Event

STARKEY SETS THE PACE

By A Special Correspondent

BRITAIN got off to a good start in the Heineken International Championship of Ireland at Punchestown Horse Trials yesterday when Jane Starkey took the lead in the first batch of dressage tests.

Her grey gelding, Buckley, performed an accurate obedient test, only becoming unsettled when cantering up the centre line for the final salute to the judges.

Eric Smiley from Northern Ireland is in second place on Babaren, and Anna Grant (GB) is third on Woody Bay.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS

All engagements (dead): Secret Saver, Loch Holl, Shell Burst, Palaestrina, Glendarma, Shanveen, Pake Lolo, Green Market, Kabiaan, Gramonte, Yorkshire Club.

Yesterday's results at four meetings

NEWBURY

Going: GOOD

1.0: CHARITY DAY S STAKES 2-Y-O Penalty Value £2,712 5f
MONSABAAH, br f Moosanto—Rahesh (C. Southgate) 8-8 ... P. Cook ... 10-1 1
COPPERMILL LAD, ch c Ardoon—Pritt Gert (Mrs J. Sargood) 8-11 ... P. Waldron ... 15-2 2
DAWN MIRAGE, ch f Our Mirage—Geisha Dancer (J. Medlar) 8-8 ... A. McGlone ... 7-2 3
Also: 11-8F Monson (6th), 7 Herb Robert (5th), 10 Philosophical (4th), 14 Handsome Sailor, 16 My Advocate, 20 Northinch. 9 ran. 1½, 4l, 2½l, ½l, ½l. 1m 05·98s. (P. Cundell, Newbury). Tote: Win, £9·40; places, £1·40, £2·10, £2·80. Dual F'cast: £19·40. SPSF: £78·52. NR: Wow Wow Wow. (Winner bought in for 3,400 gns.)

1.30: ULTRAMAR 50TH ANNIVERSARY H'CAP 3-Y-O. £6,316 1¼m
BLOODLESS COUP, b c Free State—Freely Given (T. Marshall) 7-9 ... D. McKay ... 10-1 1
COUNT COLOURS, gr c True Colours—Village Voice (S. Norton) 8-5 ... G. Baxter ... 25-1 2
AL-YABIR, b c Rusticaro—Flossbilde (Hamdan Al Maktoum) 8-4 ... B. Rouse ... 8-1 3
Also: Evens F Miller's Tale, 6 Adarbyn (5th), 11 Otabari (4th), Shibika (6th), 16 Northern River, Troy Fair. 9 ran. 2l, 1½l, ½l, nk, hd. 2m 37·58s. (M. Usher, Lambourn). Tote: Win, £9·50; places, £1·60, £2·70, £2·70. Dual F'cast: £66·70. SPSF: £172·69.

3.0: SIR CHARLES CLORE MEMORIAL STKS 3-y-o Fillies £8,376 1¼m
MERLE b f Gunner B—Tamerlante (J. Adam) 8-7 ... R. Cochrane 9-2 1
PERFECT MATCH b f Kris—Vwonce (A. Clore) 8-4 ... P. Eddery 11-4 2
DANCE MACHINE b f Green Dancer—Never A Lady (C. Humphris) 8-12 ... L. Piggott 4-1 3
Also: 6 Sparkling Fire (4th), 7 Lost Cause (5th), 8 Process, 20 Elder (6th), Formidable Lady, 50 Scrdarib. 9 ran. 3l, 1l, 1½l, 3l, 7l 2m 05·41s. (R. Sheather, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £5·60; places, £1·60, £1·40, £1·50. Dual F'cast: £6·40. SPSF: £15·92.

3.30: JUDDMONTE LOCKINGE STKS £29,115 1m
PRISMATIC, br c Monado-Pris (Lord Howard de Walden) 3 7-13 ... Paul Eddery ... 10-1 1
TELEPROMPTER, b g Welsh Pageant-Ouija (Lord Derby) 5 9-6 ... T. Ives ... 8-1 2
SARAB, b c Prince Tenderfoot—Carnival Dance (F. Salman) 4 9-1 ... T. Quinn ... 5-2F 3
Also: 6 Haies (4th), 7 Mahogany (5th), Rockmartin (6th), Cataldi, 16 Ulla Laing, 25 Pegasus of Troy, 100 Show of Hands, Indiana Pencil, 11 ran. Sh hd, 2½l, 7l, 3l, 3½l. 1m 38·61s. (H. Cecil, Newmarket). Tote: win, £12·50; places, £2·80, £1·60, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £52·40. SPSF: £44·96.

4.0: HUE-WILLIAMS STKS 3-Y-O £4,885 6f.
ABHA, b f Thatching-Hardware (Prince Faisal) 8-8 ... S. Cauthen ... 4-5F 1
OROJOYA, b c Gold Stage-Jemario Pet (R. Sangster) 8-9 ... B. Thomson ... 10-1 2
AL ZAWBAAH, b c Mr Prospector—Ocean's Answer (Hamdan Al Maktoum) 8-9 ... A. Murray ... 18-1 3
Also: 4 Cameroun (6th), 9 Melody Park (4th), 12 Barola (5th), 14 Star Video. 7 ran. 3l, 1½l, 2l, 3l, 1½l. 1m 13·52s (H. Cecil, Newmarket). Tote: win, £1·80; places, £1·50, £5·00. Dual F'cast: £8·60. SPSF: £9·46. N.R.: Sharp Romance.

4.30: MAY STKS 2-Y-O: £2,650. 5f.
FAYRUZ, b c Song-Friendly Jester (A. Foustok) 9-4 ... T. Ives ... 6-5F 1
IN TOTO, b c Mr Prospector—Solerlic (K. Abdulla) 8-11 ... P. Eddery ... 11-4 2
SILVINO, ch c One Native-Go South (R. Bonnycastle) 8-11 ... B. Thomson ... 8-1 3
Also: 5 Websters Feast (4th), 14 Moloch (6th), 20 Mount Dumonion (5th), 33 Lightning Wind. 7 ran. Sh hd, 4l, 4l, 2½l, sh hd. 1m 03·30s. (W O'Gorman, Newmarket). Tote: win, £3·00; places, £1·70, £1·20. Dual F'cast: £2·80. SPSF: £4·83.
JACKPOT: £7,346·05. PLACEPOT: £24·40.

BEVERLEY

GOING: GOOD

2.15 (5f): Warwick Wallies (S. Horsfall, 12-1) 1; Laugh A Lot (M. Brennan, 4-1) 2; Bobop Baby (A. Shoults, 14-1) 3. Also: 5-2F Vida's Double (5th), 7-2 Ragnoff, 4 Timaque, 10 Miss Beswick, 12 Johns Business (6th), Kiki Green, 20 Cases Key, Tumtobie Wah-Hoo (4th). 11 ran. 1l, 5l, 1½l, 1l, nk. (J. Berry, Cockerham). Tote: win, £7·90; places, £2·80, £2·00, £5·90. Dual F'cast: £7·20. SPSF: £64·95. NR: Connaught B'rade.

2.45 (2m h'cap): Holly Buoy (A. Shoults, 9-2) 1; Sinbad (J. Lowe, 5-2F) 2; Chaka (E. Johnson, 9-2) 3. Also: 5 Carneades, Kayops, 12 Secret Finale, 14 Meedy Girl, 25 Write The Music, High Noon, His House (4th), Cocloanger, Hyperion Prince (6th), Hydrangea (5th), Bucky Bay. 14 ran. 4l, 1½l, 1l, 1½l, hd. (Mrs G. Reveley, Saltburn). Tote: win, £5·70; places, £1·20, £1·80, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £6·00. SPSF: £16·50. Tricast: £48·13.

3.15 (1¼m h'cap): The Clown (M. Miller, 5-1F) 1; Tinoco (S. Perks, 10-1) 2; Wildrush (S Horsfall, 7-1) 3; The Small Miracle (M Richardson, 8-1) 4. Also: 5 Leprechaun Lady, 15-2 Price of Love, 8 Dick Knight (6th), Height of Summer (5th), 12 Jubroke, 14 Dragon Palace, Norfolk Flight, 16 Prince Oberon, Sea Roppin, 20 Moss-berry Fair, 25 Carol's Music, Harbour Bazaar. 16 ran. 3l, ½l, 1l, sh hd, 2l. (M. Naughton, Richmond). Tote: win, £4·90; places, £1·50, £2·60, £1·80, £2·70. Dual F'cast: £34·10. SPSF: £45·79. Tricast: £242·37.

3.45 (1¼m): Honeydew Wonder (J. Bleasdale, 4-1) 1; Heat Spell (N. Connorton, 4-1) 2; Jamah (E. Johnson, 11-4F) 3. Also: 9-2 Verbadino, 10 River Lane, 14 Another Miracle (5th), 25 Bomber Mystery, Nashville Music, Boschendal, Mosley Banker (5th), Octi-Bon, Red Boston (4th). 12 ran. 2l, hd, 5l, 3l, ½l. (D. Elsworth, Whitsbury). Tote: win, £4·50; places, £1·00, £2·00, £3·80. Dual F'cast: £9·60. SPSF: £18·56.

4.15 (5f): Hi-Tech Leader (M. Wood, 6-1) 1; Via Vitae (S. Perks, 16-1) 2; Keala (S. Keightley, 6-4F) 3. Also: 4 Nagreen's Pet, Single Bid (5th), 10 Elaborate, 12 Gold Duchess, 16 Jhosid'an (6th), 20 Kryanloch (4th), 25 Prodigy, 33 Hawkins Tender, Martella, Donnal Deca. 13 ran. ¾l, 1l, 4l, 1l, 2l. (J. Etherington, Malton). Tote: win, £11·80; places, £1·50, £3·40, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £70·10. SPSF: £99·70. NR: Nager.

4.45 (7f h'cap): Mr Rose (D. Fowler-Wright, 5-1JF) 1; Trade High (S. Keightley, 5-1JF) 2; Pokerfayes (A. Mackay, 11-1) 3; Top O' Th' Lane (S. Perks, 8-1) 4. Also: 10 Young Knight (6th), 11 Asian King, Targamus, 12 Late Hour, Melowen, 16 Ridak Choice, 20 East Star, Errol Emerald (5th), Sing-ing Boy, 25 CBM Girl, Helen's Choice, Grey Charm, Dancimmo. 17 ran. Nk, 4l, 2l, 1½l, ½l. (L. Lightbrown, Loughborough). Tote: Win, £5·50; places, £1·70, £1·80, £2·40, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £7·00. SPSF: £28·88. Tricast: £339·25.

Trade High finished first but after a steward's inquiry was placed second.

5.10 (1¼m): Dream Merchant (J. Lowe, 7-1) 1; Palace Yard (E. Johnson, 6-4) 2; Dubevarnia (N. Connorton, 50-1) 3. Also: Evens F Golden Glint (4th), 20 Pright Turn, 30 Jai-Alai, Crisp And Keen (6th), Suvadcra, Strawley (5th), Camiche. 10 ran. 1l, 1½l, 3l, 5l, 4l. (C. Brittain, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £17·10; places, £3·70, £1·30, £8·50. Dual F'cast: £17·50. SPSF: £17·52. NR: Buckskin's Best.

5.40 (5f): Grange Farm Lad (S. Keightley, 50-1) 1; Illon Moor (M. Hills, 8-13F) 2; Miracles Take Time (J. Bleasdale, 7-2) 3. Also: 8 Jallad (5th), 14 Grange Farm Girl, Lunching Matter (4th), 50 Lindas Gold (6th), Gentle Look, Lochmaline, Mrs Barrie, Major, Lucky Starkist. 14 ran. 2l, 3l, 1½l, 1l, 1l. (C. Drew, Pottoni). Tote: Win, £45·50; places, £11·10, £1·10, £1·40. Dual F'cast: £76·60. SPSF: £78·59.
PLACEPOT £5·60.

NEWCASTLE

Going: GOOD TO SOFT

2.15 (5f): Bridesmaid (R. Hills, Evens F) 1; Provincial Dawn (K. Darley, 10-1) 2; Gibberish (G. Duffield, 4-1) 3. Also: 6 Norton Warrior, 12 Fandanno Boy (5th), 20 Space Trooper (4th), Irv Ginner (6th), Diamond Match, Polly Worth. 9 ran. Nk, 4l, 1½l, hd, 1½l. 1m 03·81s. (B. Hills, Lambourn). Tote: win, £1·80; places, £1·10, £1·10, £1·80. Dual F'cast: £5·40. SPSF: £11·06. NR: Sunny Bar.

2.45 (5f): O'Kelly (R. Hills, 9-2) 1; Byrnes Girl (K. Darley, 10-1) 2; Heavenly Hoofer (M. Fry, 10-1) 3. Also: 8-11F Shrewd Decision (4th), 15-2 Eastern Oasis (6th), 10 Gelino, 20 Willows Lad (5th), Nicknour. 8 ran. 11, 4l, 1½l, 4l, ½l. 1m 03·78s. (C. Booth, Flaxton.) Tote: Win, £8·70; places, £3·10, £1·50, £1·60. Dual F'cast: £27·10. SPSF: £45·72. NR: Wow Wow Wow.

3.15 (1¼m h'cap): Rostherne (L. Charnock, 10-1) 1; Prince Lyph (A. Kimberley, 9-4F) 2; Carlilion (G. Carter, 15-2) 3. Also: 5-2 Nicoridge (4th), 7 Joli's Girl, 9 Northern Rules (5th), 10 Downing Street (6th), 33 Crime Buster. 8 ran. hd, sh hd, 3l, 3l, 3m 14·52s (K. Stone, Malton). Tote: Win, £17·00; places, £2·20, £1·30, £2·70. Dual F'cast: £18·70. SPSF: £51·31. NR: Schlemmer.

Objection by second to winner overruled

3.45 (7f h'cap): Zaide (K. Darley, 25-1) 1; Banz (M. Birch, 5-1JF) 2; Scrummage (G. Duffield, 11-2) 3; Regent (N. Carlisle, 12-1) 4. Also: 5F Balsla, 15-2 Misha (6th), 10 Tollymore, Rocabay Blue, 12 Gan On Lad, Spoilt For Choice, 14 Old Domiolon (5th), Philister, Sky Mariner, 16 Tiddlyeyetye, 25 Jo-Andrew, Briggs Bridge, 16 ran. 3l, ½l, 1l, 1l, 1m 29·94s. (J. Etherington, Malton). Tote: Win £50·90; places, £6·60, £2·60, £1·10, £5·20. Dual F'cast: £780·50. SPSF: £150·55. Tricast: £744·72.

4.15 (1m h'cap): Loredana (G. Carter, 7-2 F) 1; Knight's Secret (M. Birch, 4-1) 2; Reside (C. Dwyer, 13-2) 3. Also: 9-2 Romoss (4th), 10 Star Event, Boy Sandford (5th), 13 Miami Star, 14 Zin Peppino (6th), 20 Boldera, 25 Elitist. 10 ran. 8l, 1l, sh hd, 5l, 4l. 1m 45·08s. (G. Hoffer, Newmarket). Tote: Win, £3·50; places, £1·90, £1·10, £1·70. Dual F'cast: £7·20. SPSF: £16·51. Tricast: £77·46.

4.45 (1½m 60y): High Sides (A Leouvour, 4-5F) 1; Wassl Merbayeh (R Hills, 7-2) 2; Tramoros (M Fry, 14-1) 3. Also: 7-2 Marmoltan (6th), 33 Bordeaux Rouge (4th), Rovico, Another Moss, Sobriquet, Capegeme (5th). 9 ran. 5l, 1½l, nk, 6l, sh hd. 2m 47·88s. (O Douieb, Newmarket.) Tote: Win, £1·90; places, £1·10, £1·20; £1·60; Dual F'cast: £3·20. SPSF: £4·14.
PLACEPOT: £6·50.

STRATFORD-ON-AVON

Going: GOOD

6.15 (2m hdle): Solitano (R. Stronge, 7-4JF) 1; Coupon Clipper (7-4JF) 2; Spice Market (9-1) 3. 9 ran. 12l, 12l. (B. Preece.) Tote: Win, £2·90; places, £1·30, £1·40, £1·70. Dual F'cast: £2·60. SPSF: £5·02. NR: Primo Enryco.

6.45 (3¼m h'cap 'ch): Monscur (Peter Hobbs, 50-1) 1; Ruhercela (5-1) 2; Backstreet Guy (11-10F) 3. 9 ran. 12l, 1½l. (J. Gifford.) Tote: Win, £43·30; places, £6·60, £2·70, £1·30. Dual F'cast: £76·70. SPSF: £381·40. Tricast: £844·29. NR: Bolt The Gate.

7.15 (2¾ h'cap 'ch): Aughra Bourn (Peter Hobbs, 9-2) 1; Spanish Streak (4-1) 2; Rejuvenator (7-2) 3. 9 ran. Young Lover 3F. ¾l, 8l (J. Gifford). Tote: Win, £6·40; places, £2·00, £1·60, £1·80. Dual F'cast: £6·40. SPSF: £22·27. Tricast: £65·52. NR: Scottish Gonno.

7.45 (3¼m 'ch): Miss Crusina (Mr T. Smith, 5-4) 1; J.-J.-Henry (15-2) 2; Releta (12-1) 3. 19 ran. City Boy 5-4F. 30l, 5l. (J. Cornforth.) Tote: Win, £3·80; places, £1·90, £2·60, £2·00. Dual F'cast: £9·10. SPSF: £16·31. NR Royal View.

8.15 (2m hdle): Nebris (K. Davies, 8-13F) 1; Trouvere (6-4) 2; Little Beaver (33-1) 3. 7 ran. 6l, 25l. (R. Akehurst.) Tote: Win, £1·30; places, £1·70, £1·10. Dual F'cast: £1·80; SPSF: £1·17. NR: Vale River.

8.45 (2¼m h'cap hdle): Gambler's Cup (R. dr Haan, 85-40F) 1; The Dalse (6-1) 2; French Union (6-1) 3. 15 ran. 2l, ¾l. (F. Winter.) Tote: Win, £3·30; places, £1·60, £1·80, £2·50. Dual F'cast: £8·80. SPSF: £15·81. Tricast: £62·22. NR's: Hand Me Down, Kalkus, Peartroy, Brigona.

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Women's Golf

KENT FIND SURREY IN TOP FORM

By ELIZABETH PRICE

SURREY won the deciding match in the South Eastern Sub Division 2 County Match Week at West Sussex yesterday. After their close shave against Sussex on Thursday they played their best golf against Kent, winning 5½-3½.

Their one-match advantage in the foursomes was provided by a good putt on the 18th by Sally Prosser. The top pair of Jill Nicholson and Jill Thornhill had had a dream oud irnn winning by seven and six.

In the afternoon Linda Bayman, the Kent champion, was ruthless in beating Mrs Nicolson six and five but in the next match Mrs Thornhill was at her majestic best, beating Stephanie Kitchin five and three.

At the bottom of the team Diane Bailey, ever a reliable performer, and Sandy Cohen won easily. Only three matches were needed from the singles.

Winnie Wooldridge, of Surrey, four down at the sixth against Hazel Bristow, needed only a half to win going to the 18th but visited two bunkers and the match was halved.

Sussex beat Middlesex by 7-2 to leave Middlesex with the wooden spoon. Jackie Way, twin sister of Nicola, the Sussex champion, playing in her first county match, scored a six and five win over Lyn Griffiths and with Christine Rolph won her foursomes.

Surrey now go to the divisional final at Frilford Heath on June 18, the winner to play in the county finals at Walton Heath in July.

SURREY 5½, KENT 3½

FOURSOMES (Surrey first).—Mrs J. Nicholson & Mrs J. Thornhill bt Mrs L. Bayman & Mrs S. McAllister 7 & 6; Miss S. Prosser & Mrs W. Wooldridge bt Mrs C. Caldwell & Mrs H. Bristow 1 hole; Miss S. Cohen & Mrs C. Bailey lost to Mrs L. Langdale & Miss S. Hallet 2 holes: Surrey 2, Kent 1.

SINGLES.—Mrs Nicolson lost to Mrs Bayman 6 & 5; Mrs Thornhill bt Mrs J. Kitchin 5 & 3; Miss Prosser lost to Mrs Caldwell 3 holes; Mrs Wooldridge halved with Mrs Bristow; Mrs D. Bailey bt Mrs Langdale 6 &4; Miss Cohen bt Miss Hallett 6 & 4. Surrey 5½, Kent 2½.

MIDDLESEX 2, SUSSEX 7

FOURSOMES (Middlesex first).—Miss C. Nelson & Miss E. Jones lost to Miss N. Way & Miss K. Mitchell 1 hole; Mrs A. Gems & Mrs J. Danhauser lost to Miss M. Galaher & Miss K. Harridge 3 & 2; Miss N. Gill & Mrs L. Griffiths lost to Miss C. Rolph & Miss J. Way 5 & 2. Middlesex 0, Sussex 3.

SINGLES.—Miss Nelson bt Miss N. Way 3 & 2; Mrs Gems lost to Miss Mitchell 2 & 1; Mrs Danhauser lost to Miss S. Coustos 2 holes; Mrs R. Bentley lost to Miss P. Holt 4 & 3; Miss Jones bt Miss Rolph 4 & 3; Mrs Griffiths lost to Miss J. Way 6 & 5. Middlesex 2, Sussex 7.

FINAL ORDER.—Surrey, 1; Kent & Essex, 2; Sussex 4; Middlesex 5.

WOMEN'S COUNTY MATCHES.—Glos. 7, Wilts. 2 (at N. Wilts.); Somerset 6, Cornwall 3 (Enmore Pk.).

U.S. Golf

O'MEARA IN JOINT LEAD

By A Special Correspondent in Fort Worth, Texas

MARK O'MEARA, who enjoyed two consecutive victories early in the year and then slumped, emphasised his recent return to form by scoring a 66 to share the first round lead in the Colonial National Invitation golf tournament in Fort Worth, Texas, on Thursday.

O'Meara tied for fourth place in the Tournament of Champions two weeks ago and was a winner in Japan last weekend. Now he has good reason to be satisfied again as he stands at four under par along with Jim Thorpe, Corey Pavin and Willie Wood.

Defending champion Peter Jacobsen returned a three-under-par 67 to tie with David Graham of Australia, Chip Beck, Pat McGowan and Mike Smith.

O'Meara was a little surprised at his performance. "I didn't expect to play this well because of jet lag after coming back from Japan. This is probably my best round ever here."

66—M. O'Meara; C. Pavin, J. Thorpe; W. Wood.
67—D. Graham (Australia); P. Jacobsen; C. Beck; P. McGowan, M. Smith.
68—C. Rodriguez; B. Kratzert; R. Jaeckel; B. Murphy, L. Hinkle; D. Halldorson; R. Streck.
Other scores:
76—F. Oosterhuis (GB).

Golf—Brabazon Trophy

Williams goes ahead to raise Welsh hopes

By JOHN CAMPBELL

KEITH WILLIAMS, 19, of North Wales, with a two-under-par round of 71, yesterday led the field after the opening scramble of the English Open Amateur Strokeplay Championship for the Brabazon Trophy, over the Seaton Carew course near Hartlepool.

Williams, who has played for his country for two years, is another of a bewildering number of high-class youngsters being turned out by Wales.

Williams has been working all through the winter on weakening an over-strong left-hand grip under Clive Harrison, the professional at Formby, and felt at home with it yesterday.

Out in par 35, he birdied the 10th with a four-iron and downhill 30-footer for a birdie three, then hit a two-iron one foot from the hole for a two at the 15th.

71—K. Williams (N. Wales).
72—M. Planer (Ilford), J. Hawksworth (R. Lytham St Anne's), N. Hughes (Hindley Hall), B. White (Wendlin), A. Clapp (Parpendean).
73—R. Purdie (La Moye), D. Fletcher (Kings Norton), M. Davis (Thorndon Pk), K. Valentine (Hill Valley), R. Eggo (L'Ancresse), M. Lawrence (Sundridge Pk), A. McLure (Winchham), P. Young (Army).
74—A. Rogers (Ealing), J. Hawes (Gosforth), D. Moraise (Heworth), A. Pritchard (Huddersfield), M. Wiggett (Boscombe), J. Bedford (Letchworth), G. Homewood (Ashford Man), P. Affleck (Chester).
75—C. Banks (Stanton-on-the-Wolds), I. Lyner (Bitsall), R. Wilkins (Cheshunt), R. Roper (Catterick Garrison), C. Brooks (Glencourse), J. Ellwood (Seaton Carew), P. Downes (Coventry), G. Milne (Exeter), J. Lovemond (Newton Abbot), G. Wolstenholme (Leics), P. Hall (Harrogate).

ULSTER VOLKSWAGEN CLASSIC (Belvoir Park).—68—B. Hume; 70—D. Reid, S. Felton (US). 71—C. Panton, S. Shrudwick. 72—M. Thomson, D. Holsteke (US), D. Dowling. 73—C. Langford, R. Comstock (US), P. Conley (US). 74—S. Dublo, T. Fernando (Sri Lanka), J. Fearest, J. Smurthwaite, D. Masey.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LGE.—New York Yankees 6, Texas 3; Minnesota 7, Detroit 5; Kansas City 7, Cleveland 1; Baltimore 3, Chicago White Sox 1.
NATIONAL LGE.—Cincinnati 4, Montreal 3; Atlanta 6, Philadelphia 3; Houston 1, New York Mets 0.

CYCLING

GIRO D'ITALIA.—1st Stage (Verona-Busto Arsizio, 136 miles): U. Freuler (Switzerland) 5hr 56min 47 sec, 1; F. Rosola, 2; S. Mulani 3 (both same time as winner). Overall (after Prologue & 1st Stage): F. Moser 6-04-32, 1; Freuler at 5 sec, 2; G. Saronni at 8, 3.

Brand set to end nine-year drought

By RICHARD JAMES in Le Touquet

FOUR birdies and an eagle in the first five holes launched Gordon Brand, Snr, to a 64, which equalled the course record, a 15-below-par 129 and a four strokes half-way lead in the £75,000 G S I open at Le Touquet yesterday.

A first victory in nine years on the P G A European tour would greatly boost his hopes of retaining his Ryder cup place at The Belfry in September and erase the bitter memories of his debut against the Americans in 1983.

Brand, who lost his single to Bob Gilder after being left out of the foursomes and four-balls on the first two days in Florida, would dearly love another chance to prove his captain, Tony Jacklin, wrong, but he admits: "I will have to play my way into the top nine automatic spots. If Jacklin has the choice, he will probably pick somebody else."

Brand, 29, a professional from Baildon is four strokes clear of another Ryder Cup Yorkshireman, Howard Clark, who had nine birdies—five in a row—to match his 64.

Spectacular burst

Brand holed only one long putt in that spectacular opening burst. That was a 25-footer for an eagle three at the third, one of three par fives in a generous opening four holes. He required only 12 putts to reach the turn in 31, sinking a 20-footer to scramble a par three at the sixth after finding a bunker.

The homeward nine on the Sea Course is a much more demanding affair, even in conditions as benign as yesterday's, but Brand, who has had to replace the graphite shaft of his driver, picked up more birdies at the 14th and 16th to match Sam Torrance's nine-year-old course record.

He finished 65, 64 to win the Ivory Coast Open in 1980 but 129 is three strokes outside the European record for 36 holes set by Tom Haliburton at Worthing in 1952 and matched by Nick Faldo in the Lawrence Batley at Bingley St Ives in 1985.

Clark dropped only one stroke yesterday after going out in 32 with five successive birdies from the third. He took four at the short 17th, but picked up four more birdies coming home.

Neil Hansen, from Essex, who finished 100th in last year's order of merit, matched Brand's explosive six-below-par score for the opening five holes for a 66 to finish on 155 with Mark James.

Leading scores

129—G. Brand Snr 65, 64.
133—H. Clark 69, 64.
135—M. James 68, 67; N. Hansen 69, 66.
136—R. Rafferty 67, 69; J. Bland (S. Africa) 70, 66.
137—B. Bergin (US) 71, 66.
138—D. Jones 68, 70; R. Chapman 67, 71; M. Mannelli (Italy) 67, 71.
139—W. Humphreys 71, 68; P. Dalrymple (US) 68, 71; B. Dassu (Italy) 73, 66; M. Mackenzie 67, 72; G. Taylor (Australia) 74, 65; M. King 67, 72.
140—P. Parkin 68, 72; A. Stubbs 68, 72; A. Chandler 70, 70; W. Riley (Australia) 67, 73; C. Mason 72, 68; P. Carrigill 69, 71.

Women's Golf

BRAVE JUMP HITS BACK

By A Special Correspondent

SUSAN THOMAS meets Susan Jump, and Ann Johnson, the winner when the tournament was last played over the same course 10 years ago, plays Vicki Thomas in the semi-finals of the Welsh Women's Championship at Prestatyn this morning.

In the quarter-finals Miss Jump made a wonderful recovery to eliminate he defending title-holder Sharon Roberts on the last green.

Five down with eight to play, she squared the match at the 17th and won the last hole in par when her opponent three-putted.

1ST RD: N. Thomas (Prestatyn) bt L. F. Thomas (Holyhead) 4 & 3; A. Prichard (Royal Porthcawl) bt N. Bradley (Barnord) 3 & 2; S. Roberts (Maesdu, Llandudno) bt A. Perriam (Barnord) 4 & 3; S. Jump (Bull Bay) bt A. M. Magee (Holyhead) 5 & 4; M. Rawlings (Barnord) bt O. Morgan (Ashburnham) 3 & 2; A. Johnson (Ludlow) bt J. Foster (Pontardawe) 1 hole; H. Lawson (Bull Bay) bt D. Richards (Barnord) 7 & 5; V. Thomas (Pennard) bt G. Rees (Langland Bay) 2 holes.

QTR-FINALS: S. Thomas bt Prichard 3 & 2; Jump bt Roberts, 1 hole; Johnson bt Rawlings 1 hole; V. Thomas bt Lawson 5 & 1.

IRISH WOMEN'S CH'SHIP (Waterville).—M. McKenna (Donabate) bt Kernan (Downpatrick) 8 & 7; S. O'Brien-Kenney (Grange) bt E. Lynn (Carrickfergus) 6 & 4; C. Wickham (Laytown & Bettystown) bt L. Sweeney (Roscommon) 3 & 2; M. Cassidy (Island) bt C. Crowe (Tipperary) 19th; L. Behan (Curragh) bt E. Rinnsne (Douglas) 6 & 4; C. Hourihane (Woodbrook) bt L. Bolton (Carnalbanagh) 5 & 4; V. McQuillan (Stackstown) bt E. MacCann (Headfort) 2 holes; M. Garner (Portstewart) bt . Wickham (Laytown & Bettystown) 6 & 5.

Qtr-finals: McKenna bt O'Brien-Kenney 4 & 3; Cassidy bt Wickham 6 & 5; Hourihane bt Behan 3 & 2; McQuillan bt Garner 1 hole

SCOTTISH WOMEN'S AMATEUR CH'SHIP (Barassie).—Qtr-finals: M. Ferguson (Gullane) bt M. Richmond (Kilmalcolm), 23rd; D. Thomson (Prestwick) (Aboyne) bt S. Lawson; J. Forbes (Aboyne) 3 & 2; (Stirling Univ) 2 & 1; A. Gemmill (Barassie) bt B. Robertson (Dunaverty) 3 & 2.

Semi-finals: Thomson bt Ferguson 2 holes; Gemmill bt Wright, 20th.

ATLANTIC WEATHER—Noon May 17

Low "P" will move North and fill. Low "Q" will move south-east and fill. High "K" will lose its identity, while High "I" will intensify and move south-west.

HOME AND ABROAD

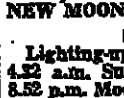
Ajaccio	f	68	20	Lisbon	s	66	19
Akrotiri	s	77	25	Larnaca	s	79	26
Alexandria	f	86		*Locarno*	s	72	22
Alxandria	f	93	34	London	s	66	19
Algiers	s	68	20	*L. Angles	c	64	18
Amstrdm	s	66	19	Luxmbrg	f	64	18
Ascension	f	82	28	Luxor	s	99	37
Athens	s	77	25	Madrid	c	59	15
Bahrain	s	99	37	Majorca	c	61	16
Barcelona	r	57	14	Malaga	s	70	21
Belfast	c	63	17	Malta	s	73	23
Belgrade	f	77	25	Mnchester	f	66	19
Berlin	c	61	16	Melbourne	f	57	14
*Bermuda	f	75	24	*Mexico C	f	72	22
Biarritz	c	55	13	Miami	s	86	30
Brmghm	s	64	18	Montreal	c	60	16
Blackpool	s	64	18	Moscow	s	55	13
Bordeaux	c	57	14	Munich	f	70	21
Boulogne	s	61	16	Newcastle	s	64	18
Bristol	s	66	19	New York	c	69	21
Brussels	s	68	20	Nice	c	63	17
Budapest	th	70	21	Oporto	s	66	19
*B Aires	f	77	25	Oslo	f	57	14
Cairo	s	95	35	Paris	f	66	19
Cpe Town	s	75	23	Peking	r	64	18
Cardiff	s	66	19	Perth	s	75	23
Casablnca	s	66	19	P Stanley	c	43	6
Cologne	f	70	21	Prague	c	61	16
Copnhgn	s	61	16	Reykjavik	c	52	11
*Chicago	c	55	13	Rhodes	s	81	27
Corfu	s	75	24	*R de Jan	s	75	24
*Dallas	s	82	28	Riyadh	s	104	40
*Denver	c	59	15	Salzburg	f	73	23
Dublin	c	59	15	*San Fran	f	63	17
Dubrovnik	s	70	21	*Santiago	f	64	18
Ednburgh	c	59	15	*S Paulo*	c	73	23
Faro	s	64	18	Seoul	s	81	27
Florence	s	75	24	Strasburg	c	66	19
Frankfurt	s	70	21	Stockhlm	s	54	12
Funchal	c	61	16	Sydney	s	63	17
Geneva	f	66	19	Tangier	s	66	19
Gibraltar	s	70	21	Tel Aviv	s	79	26
Glasgow	c	55	13	Tenerife	dr	66	19
Guernsey	s	61	16	Toronto	c	56	13
Helsinki	s	54	12	Tokyo	s	72	22
Hngkng	f	84	29	Tunis	f	73	23
Innsbruck	s	75	24	Valencia	f	64	18
Inverness	r	54	12	*Vancvr	s	61	16
I.o.M.	c	55	13	Vienna	r	66	19
Istanbul	s	73	23	Warsaw	f	72	22
Jeddah	s	95	35	Washngtn	c	68	20
Jersey	s	66	19	*Wellingtn*	f	54	12
L Palmas	r	70	21	Zurich	c	66	19
Lima	f	66	19				

Key: C—cloudy, f—fair, r—rain, s—sunny, dr—drizzle, th—thunder. Temps: (F&C) lunchtime generally. Asterisk indicates previous day's readings.

LONDON READINGS

Max temp. (6 a.m to 6 p.m.) 70F (21C). Min. temp. (6 p.m. to 6 a.m.) 50F (10C). Rainfall: nil. Sunshine 9·4 hours.

In Britain yesterday (daytime): Warmest, Bournemouth 73F (23C). Coldest Lerwick 46F (8C). Wettest, Stornoway 0·33 inch. Sunniest, Morecambe 13·9 hours.



Lighting-up time 9.20 p.m. to 4.33 a.m. Sun rises 5.5 a.m. Sets 8.50 p.m. Moon rises 4.33 a.m. Sets 7.32 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 1.53 a.m. (21.8ft); 2.17 p.m. (22.4ft). Dover 11.19 a.m. (19.8ft); 11.39 p.m. (20.4ft).

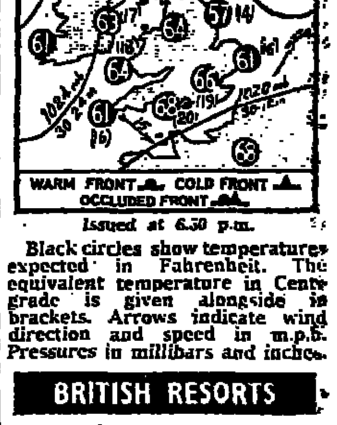
NEW MOON tomorrow 10.41 p.m.

SUNDAY

Lighting-up time 9.22 p.m. to 4.32 a.m. Sun rises 5.3 a.m. Sets 8.52 p.m. Moon rises 4.48 a.m. Sets 8.44 p.m. High water at: London Bridge 2.27 a.m. (22ft); 2.48 p.m. (22.4ft). Dover 11.52 a.m. (20ft).

NEW MOON 10.41 p.m.

BRITISH ISLES



Issued at 6.30 p.m.

Black circles show temperatures expected in Fahrenheit. The equivalent temperature in Centigrade is given alongside in brackets. Arrows indicate wind direction and speed in m.p.h. Pressures in millibars and inches.

BRITISH RESORTS

Reports for the 24 hours to 6 p.m. yesterday:

	Sun hrs.	Rain ins.	Max. Temp. F	C	Weather (day)
East					
Tynemouth	4.5	—	54	12	Cloudy
Scarboro	9.8	—	57	14	Sunny
Bridlington	12.0	—	61	16	Sunny
Skegness	1.8	—	54	12	Sunny
Lowestoft	10.4	—	55	13	Sunny
Clacton	10.3	—	63	17	Sunny
South					
Hastings	13.0	—	72	22	Sunny
Eastbourne	13.1	—	70	21	Sunny
Brighton	13.6	—	68	20	Sunny
Worthing	12.8	—	72	22	Sunny
Littlehptn	12.6	—	72	22	Sunny
Bognor R	12.6	—	72	22	Sunny
Hayling I	10.8	—	72	22	Sunny
Southsea	10.4	—	72	22	Sunny
Ryde	1.5	—	72	22	Sunny
Sandown	11.9	—	72	22	Sunny
Shanklin	11.9	—	72	22	Sunny
Ventnor	12.6	—	72	22	Sunny
Bournmth	12.5	—	73	23	Sunny
Poole	13.3	—	72	22	Sunny
Swanage	13.0	—	68	20	Sunny
Weym'th	13.9	—	72	22	Sunny
Exmouth	1.5	—	70	21	Sunny
Teignmth	12.0	—	68	20	Sunny
Torquay	13.5	—	72	22	Sunny
Falmouth	12.5	—	66	19	Sunny
Penzance	7.5	—	68	20	Sunny
Scilly Is	10.5	—	64	18	Sunny
Jersey	13.7	—	68	20	Sunny
Guernsey	13.5	—	63	17	Sunny
West					
Newquay	1.0	—	68	20	Sunny
Ilfracombe	1.2	—	66	19	Sunny
Southport	10.5	—	68	20	Sunny
Mrecmbe	13.9	—	66	19	Sunny
Douglas	3.6	—	59	15	Cloudy
Wales					
Prestatyn	8.9	—	68	20	Sunny
Colwyn B	9.3	—	64	18	Sunny
Tenby	1.5	—	70	21	Sunny
Scotland					
Eskdalemr	6.4	—	64	18	Cloudy
Prestwick	2.0	—	64	18	Cloudy
Glasgow	2.1	—	61	16	Cloudy
Tiree	—	—	55	13	Dull
Stornoway	1.9	0.33	52	11	Rain
Lerwick	0.8	—	46	8	Fog
Wick	0.3	0.01	61	16	Rain
Kinloss	0.4	0.09	57	14	Rain
Aberdeen	3.6	0.03	66	19	Showers
St Andrws	1.7	—	64	18	Cloudy
Edinburgh	0.1	—	61	16	Cloudy
Northern Ireland					
Belfast	1.6	—	68	20	Cloudy
Lake District					
Ambleside	6.4	—	61	16	Sun pds
Kendal	6.8	—	64	18	Sun pds
Keswick	4.9	—	72	22	Sun pds

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WINNERS IN ACTION
DUNLOP GOLF

Mark Nicholas, whose appointment as MCC captain is not without significance.

Nicholas to lead MCC into battle

By MICHAEL CAREY

MARK NICHOLAS, who took over the captaincy of Hampshire only at the start of the season, but is already gaining a reputation for a vigorous and positive approach to the job will lead the M C C side against the Australians at Lord's next Wednesday.

And, it was announced yesterday that David Gower will captain England for the three one-day matches and the first two test matches against Australia.

After Gower's achievement *in leading the recovery to win* the series in India last winter, his reappointment must have been unanimous.

Yet the selectors were mindful of his moderate form on tour and his unexceptional start to the season.

Made their point

In naming him for only two tests, they have made their point —and left their options open — in unambiguous fashion.

Nicholas is one of several young cricketers who have restored some much-needed old-fashioned virtues to the game and, as this team was picked by the England selectors, his appointment is not without significance.

Restricting themselves to no more than one player from any county, they have not especially taken current form into consideration in naming a side that includes three members of last winter's tour party — Fowler, Lamb, and French. — and four players *who were banned from* Test cricket after their tour of South Africa — Gooch, Willey, Sidebottom and. Underwood.

Athey now of Gloucestershire, *Thomas of Surrey, and Williams,* of Middlesex, make up a team that looks well-equipped to cope with the Australians' fast-bowling, even if it is not well-endowed in this department itself.

Indeed, the selectors have chosen two bowlers who can bat. The inclusion of Sidebottom and Thomas suggests they may be in contention for a place in the three *one-day internationals.*

Williams, though often regarded as the fastest English bowler last summer, took only 32 championship wickets and had problems with injury and his run-up.

The choice of Underwood shows the selectors have not lost sight of his special qualities as a left-arm bowler. As an earlier generation of Australians could testify, there is no-one more devastating in the right conditions.

Nicholas has already made a high-class century in MCC colours this season and, on that evidence, does *not look out of place in a* batting line-up that also includes Gooch, Fowler, Athey, Lamb, and Willey.

Intriguingly, Fowler now partners Gooch for the first time. It was Gooch's suspension that opened the door for the Lancashire left-hander three years ago

The team

M. C. J. Nicholas (Hampshire, capt), G. A. Gooch (Essex), G. Fowler (Lancashire), C. W. J. Athey (Gloucestershire), A. J. Lamb (Northamptonshire), P. Willey (Leicestershire), A. Sidebottom (Yorkshire), D. J. Thomas (Surrey), B. N. French (Nottinghamshire), N. F. Williams (Middlesex), D. L. Underwood (Kent).

TODAY'S CRICKET

TOUR MATCH

Hove: Sussex v Australians.

BENSON & HEDGES CUP (11-7.30)

Chesterfield: Derbys v Glos. Chelmsford: Essex v Comb. Universities. Lord's: Middlesex v Surrey. Trent Bridge: Notts. v Northants. Taunton: Somerset v Glamorgan. Edgbaston: Warwicks v Leics. Bradford: Yorks. v Worcs. Reading: Minor Counties v Hants.

TOMORROW

TOUR MATCH

Hove (11-6.30): Sussex v Australians.

JOHN PLAYER SPECIAL LGE (1.50-6.30)

Southampton: Hants. v Surrey. Old Trafford: Lancs. v Glos. Lord's: Middlesex v Glamorgan. Trent Bridge: Notts. v Leics. Scarborough: Yorks. v Derbys.

ENGLISH ESTATES TROPHY. — Market Rasen: Lincs. v Northumberland. Watford: Herts. v Beds. Bridgnorth: Shropshire v Oxfordshire.

Benson & Hedges Cup

NUMBERS GAME MAY DECIDE

WEATHER permitting, the remaining five quarter-finalists in the Benson and Hedges Cup should emerge from the last of the zonal matches today — though intending spectators would be wise to take calculators as well as r a i n c o a t s, writes MICHAEL CAREY.

Essex, Hampshire and Kent are already assured of a place in *Monday's* draw, but higher mathematic may be needed to establish the names of those joining them after today's games.

If two or more sides finish level on points, which could happen in Groups A, B and C, their positions will be decided by the faster striking rate, which is obtained by dividing balls bowled by wickets taken.

This rule is open to abuse by any side needing only to preserve wickets, but it remains *unchanged* despite protests to the T C C B last year when Lancashire ensured they batted through 55 overs rather than risk being bowled out quickly by *attempting victory in a game* they did not need to win.

Middlesex, with a striking rate of 51·60, find themselves in a similar position against Surrey (50·70) *in Group C today. Victory* would ensure a quarter-final place, but even in defeat they could go through provided their own bowlers meet with some success.

Sussex (46·57), with their programme completed, await the outcome with interest. In Group B Yorkshire's striking rate of 28·96 vastly superior to that of any other side, but they need to beat Worcestershire (46.42) to be certain of going through.

If they lose, they might still progress if Warwickshire (45·71) beat Leicestershire (44·10). On the other hand, a Leicestershire win would take them through and even in defeat they might still make it if Worcestershire lose.

In Group A four sides are also still in contention. Northamptonshire (54·56) could ensure themselves a home tie in the quarter-finals by beating Nottinghamshire (59·41) and all is not *necessarily lost if they fail.*

TCCB DENIAL

The Test and County Cricket Board denied yesterday that they *have been dilatory in acting on* MCC's revised seating arrangements for county club members at Lord's limited-overs finals as reported on May 15.

The Board states that they were *not officially advised by MCC until* last month and that the matter was presented to them as a *fait accompli.*
—D.J.R.

Hockey

Batchelor holds the key for team of all talents

By CHRIS MOORE

SOUTHGATE, who meet Hounslow in the Hockey Association Cup semi-finals at Willesden today, have the problem of deciding who to leave out.

They have etheir full squad available, including 12 players with international experience.

Their key man could be Steve Batchelor, who has interrupted his tennis career to *return to* Southgate. The Olympic right winger could turn the match Southgate's way if he can find his best form.

There are several factors affecting today's much delayed games and tomorrow's finals. Postponed due to appalling weather which held up the earlier rounds, the competition reaches its climax well after the normal end of the season.

Precious missing

All four teams taking part have been starved of competitive games in recent weeks and due to the re-arranged date Hounslow will lose Mark Precious, who gets married today.

Pickwick, the only team from outside the London League to reach the semi-finals, need not feel that the task is beyond them. The last four national titles — two H A Cup finals and two Inter-League championships — have all gone to teams from outside the capital.

Pickwick, though, faced a demanding semi-final against Blackheath, who bat Slough in the previous round. Nim Kalsi and Peter Abreo will again be the *men to watch in front of goal with Brajinder Daved at* the heart of a sound defence. Dalbir Sidhu is the Pickwick dangerman.

Rowing

FOUR HOLD BRITISH INTEREST

By GEOFFREY PAGE

A REDUCED British party have gone to Vichy this week-end for the two-day r e g a t t a, which incorporates the F r e n c h I n t e r n a t i o n a l Rowing Championships.

The A R A is so short of money that it can send only a small contingent to Vichy this year, and so the main interest will be *one of the squad's "supported"* crews, the quadruple scullers.

This combination include Richard Stanhope, a silver medallist as stroke of the British Eight in *the 1980 Olympics and the 1981* World Championships, and runner-up to Carl Smith in this year's Scullers' Head. Stroke is the former junior international, Mark Buckingham.

Smith, a lightweight, is trying out a double-sculling partnership with another Nottingham lightweight, Stuart Forbes, with whom he has won a silver and a bronze medal in the World Lightweight Championship Coxless Fours.

Last week, floods on the River Allier threatened a repeat of the 1985 event, when the regatta was cancelled, but conditions have eased just in time, and the course was buoyed yesterday.

Financial support

The quad along with Steve Redgrave, who is hoping to be Britain's representative single-sculler this year, and a coxless pair, Martin Cross and Adam Clift, are only oarsmen from the quad to receive financial support from the A R A.

Redgrave and the pair will make their first appearance next *weekend at Duisburg, as will* several oarsmen and women who competed last weekend at Ghent, where the principal casualties were the Lea double, Salih Hassan and Jonathan Scrivener.

They may well resort to a pair and will not now compete at Duisburg.

The women's squad at Ghent looked to have sperad the talent too thinly. Rosie Mayglohghling may well regroup and concentrate her best candidates for Duisburg.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCH. — Devon Patrons 107, Essex 108.

Motor-Cycling

Fast Freddie pips Lawson

FREDDIE SPENCER brushed aside the thigh injury suffered when he crashed in Spain two weeks ago to set fastest times in both the 250cc and 500cc classes when practice started at Hockenheim yesterday for Sunday's West German Grand Prix, the third round in the world championship.

In the 500cc class Fast Freddie clipped almost two seconds off the record he set himself two years ago as he kept his Rothmans Honda half a second ahead of defending champion Eddie Lawson's Marlboro Yamaha.

And so hot was the practice pace that the third and fourth best riders, Frenchmen Raymond Roche, also on a Marlboro Yamaha, and Christian Sarron on a Gauloise Yamaha, also unofficially smashed the lap record.

eBlgian Didier de Radigues set fifth best time fractionally ahead of Californian Randy Mamola, whose Honda is fitted *with a French-built Chevallier* frame. Mamola has struggled to overcome handling problems that have kept him out of the top points so far this season.

Nottinghamshire's Ron Haslam and Lincolnshire-based Australian Wayne Gardner took eighth and ninth places with their Rothmans Honda Britain team machines.

"We are happy with the times because we are suffering from quite bad handling problems," said Gardner after three practice sessions on the high-speed Hockenheim circuit that produces top speeds of more than 175mph through the speed trap.

OTHER SPORTS FIXTURES FOR TODAY

ATHLETICS.—Surrey Ch'ships (Motspur Pk), Kent AAA Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC).

BADMINTON.—Surrey Univ. U15 T'ment (Guildford).

CROQUET. — T'ment: Budleigh Salterton; Pec: Memorials (Cheltenham); Wrest Pk Weekend; Bristol Weekend.

DIVING.—ASA Nat. Springboard & Highboard Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC).

FENCING. — Nat Foil Ch' ships, men & women (de Beaumont Ctre, W. Kensington, 9 a.m.).

GOLF. — Brabazon Trophy (Seaton Carew, Hartlepool); Welsh Women's Close Ch'ship (Prestatyn).

HOCKEY. — H.A. Cup, semi-finals (Willesden Stdm): Blackheath v Pickwick (1.45); Hounslow v Southgate (3.30).

KARATE. — Nat. English Club Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC); AKK Clicker Competition (C. Palace NSC).

LAWN TENNIS. — LTA Satellite Circuit (Lee-on-Solent: Hants, 11 a.m.). Prudential Int'nal T'ment (Paddington, 10 a.m.).

MOTOR CYCLING.—Champion of Brands races (Brands Hatch, Kent, 12.30); Clubmans races Snetterton, Norfolk, 12.30).

MOTOR RACING.—R & O Trophy races (Oulton Pk, Cheshire, 1.30).

POLO. — Laurent Perrier Trophy: Windsor Pk v Laurent Perrier (Guards Club, Windsor, 3.15).

RACKETS.—Sandhurst Cup (RAM, Sandhurst).

REAL TENNIS. — Jesmond Dene Cup (Newcastle). Prof. Singles & Taylor Cup (Moreton Morrell).

ROAD RUNNING.—Isle of Wight Marathon (Ryde).

ROWING. — Regattas: Thames Ditton; *Putney Town; RAF & Joint Services* (Peterborough).

SHOOTING (Bisley).—RAF v Scotland v Wales; RAF v Nth London RC.

SNOOKER.—Pontins Spring Festival (Prestatyn).

SPEEDWAY.—Lge Cup & British Jun Lge Cup (7.30): King's Lynn v Cradley Hth; Swindon v Reading, Belle Vue v Wolverhampton; Coventry v Halifax. KO Cup: Berwick v Exeter (7).

SQUASH RACKETS.—Austin Rover Club Players' Ch'ship finals (Brandon Hall, nr Coventry).

SWIMMING.—Civil Service Ch'ships (Scarborough, 10 a.m.).

BOWLS (2.30). — E. Counties Lgr Beds v Herts (Luton, Dunstable). Midland Counties Ch'ship: Northants v Leics (Kettering Lodge). Home Counties Lge: Bucks v Kent (Blackheath & dalen Pk). Other County Matches: Greenwich), Surrey v Middlesex (Mongolia), Berks v Wilts (Abingdon), City of Exeter v Devon, Oxfordshire v Glos (S. Oxford). Middleton Cup Trials Sussex (Preston).

MOTOR RACING. — Champion of Brands races (Brands Hatch, Kent, 2); Clubman races (Snetterton, Norfolk, 1.45); Mallory Pk, Leics (2).

POLO.—Sandeman Character Sherry Trophy: Royal Windsor Horse Show (Guards Club, Windsor, 3.15).

RACKETS.—Sandhurst Cup (RMA Sandhurst).

REAL TENNIS. — Jesmond Dene Cup (Newcastle); Prof. Singles & Taylor Cup (Moreton Morrell).

RACE WALKING. — Barking to Southend 33-mile walk.

ROAD RUNNING.—Wales Marathon (Bridgend, 10 a.m.); Hamlyn Twickers '8' (Twickenham); Derby Marathon; Kingswood Festival Marathon; Bradford Telegraph Marathon; Gt Eastern Run Half Marathon (Peterborough); Chester Half Marathon.

TOMORROW

ATHLETICS.—Kent AAA Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC).

BADMINTON. — *Surrey* Univ U15 T'ment (Guildford).

CROQUET. — T'ments: Wrest Pk Weekend; Bristol Weekend.

DIVING.—ASA Nat. Springboard & Highboard Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC).

FENCING. — Nat. Foil Ch'ships, men & women (de Beaumont Ctre, W. *Kensington, 10 a.m.).*

GOLF. — Brabazon Trophy (Seaton Carew, Hartlepool); Grafton Morrish Trophy, Nth Qualif rd (Fixby Hall, Huddersfield).

HOCKEY.—H.A. Cup, final (Willesden Stdm, 3).

KARATE.—Nat English Club Ch'ships (C. Palace NSC).

LAWN TENNIS.—Prudential Int'nal T'ment (Paddington, 10 a.m.).

ROWING.—Regattas: Walton Junior; RAF & Joint Service (Peterborough).

SHOOTING (Bisley).— RAF v Scotland v Wales; Berks prize meeting; R. Navy TRC v City RC; British Open 300 metres; Oxford Univ. v London Univ. v Surrey v Lloyds Bank; Greshams open meeting (Horsford, Norfolk); Scottish All Weapons Ch'ship (Blair Atholl).

SPEEDWAY.—World Ch'ship: Semi-final (Halifax, 3). Nat. Lge (3.30): Eastbourne v Peterborough, Mildenhall v Glasgow, Rye House v Canterbury. Jun. Challenge: Workington v Stoke (3).

SQUASH RACKETS.—Austin Rover Club Players' Ch'ship, finals (Brandon Hall, Nr Coventry).

WATER SKI RACING. — Nat. Ch'ships 2nd Rd (Pennaltier).

BOWLS. — Representative: English BA Tourists v Welsh BA (Ilfracombe, 2.30). Middleton Cup Trials Surrey (Croydon, 2.30).

TELEVISION

SATURDAY GUIDE BY RONALD HASTINGS

BBC-1

6 45 a.m.-8.25 OPEN UNIVERSITY. 8.30 The Saturday Picture Show.

11 00 CUP FINAL GRANDSTAND — Including latest news from both camps and highlights of The Road to Wembley; plus Goals of the Season; Racing from Newbury at 11.50 and 12.25; Highlights of Real Madrid 7 Eintracht 3 from 1960 at 12.35; *News at 1; Question of Sport,* a special Everton v Man. Utd. edition at 1.5; Comedians Mel Smith and Griff Rhys Jones at 2.30; Kick-Off at 3; News of the Scottish Cup Final, Dundee Utd. v Celtic, at 3.45; Follow-ups at 4.45.

5 15 THE PINK PANTHER SHOW — Three cartoon repeats.

5 35 NEWS, WEATHER; at 5.45 Sport/Regional News.

5 50 THE KEITH HARRIS SHOW — With Bernie Winters, Brian Conley and Bucks Fizz.

6 25 "EL DORADO" (1966) — Sometimes unkindly described as an *old man's Western lamenting for the bad old days.* John Wayne, even with a dud arm, sobering up the drunken sheriff (Robert Mitchum) for a showdown with villainous cattle-baron (Edward Asner). Very like "Rio Bravo" by the same director, Howard Hawks. Easy-going. (Ceefax.)

8 30 THE KENNY EVERETT TELEVISION SHOW — An embarrassment for some, riches for others.

9 00 DYNASTY. — The Secret. Amanda lets everyone know *Alexis is her mother, Alexis makes sure she will never know her father.* (Ceefax.)

9 45 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

10 00 MATCH OF THE DAY — FA Cup Final highlights.

10 50 "RACE WITH THE DEVIL" (1975) — Four holidaymakers stumble on a witches' sabbath, complete with human sacrifice. They flee, pursued by the devil-worshippers and the audience. The usual car chase unusually involves a caravan. With Peter Fonda and Warren Oates. 12.15 Weather.

BBC-2

6 25 a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY.

3 10 "MY FAVOURITE BRUNETTE" (1947, b/w) — Bob Hope as a baby photographer who longs to solve murders and chase spies. Dorothy Lamour gives him his chance to find her kidnapped uncle, but his clashes with mobsters prove painful. Star comedy vehicle, with Peter Lorre and Lon Chaney for realism.

4 35 "ALEXANDER THE GREAT" (1956) — British supporting actors and a generally serious approach to the epic subject make this above average for Americanised European *history, which admittedly, is not saving very much.* Even so it still takes time to accept Richard Burton's familiar face and voice as Alexander and Frederic March as his dad, but lavish and spectacular it certainly is with some excellent scenes. With Claire Bloom and Danielle Darrieux.

6 45 THE DAY THE UNIVERSE CHANGED — Making Waves. James Burke repeat.

7 35 NEWS, SPORT and WEATHER.

7 50 WAGNER'S RING — *Introduction to the third opera* by Humphrey Burton.

7 53 SIEGFRIED — Act One. Again in the Bayreuth production by Patrice Chéreau, conducted by Pierre Boulez. The title *role is sung* by Manfred Jung, with Donald McIntyre, Gwyneth Jones, Fritz Hubner, Heinz Zednik and Hermann Becht. Repeat. A simultaneous stereo broadcast with Radio 3. At 9.8 Interval, Wagner and the Nazis, explored by Humphrey Burton.

9 20 SIEGFRIED — Act Two. At 10.35 Interval, Richard and Cosima, the story of Wagner's second marriage.

10 47-12.10 SIEGFRIED — Act Three.

ITV London Weekend

6 15 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN, at 8.30 The Wide Awake Club. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 No. 73; Country Matters. 11 The A-Team; Pros and Cons, repeat.

12 00 WORLD OF SPORT — Including A Welcome to the Cup Final at 12; That Was the (Blue) Week, Everton's success at 12.10; The Managers at 12.30; Wrestling from Watford at 12.35 and 2.10; News at 1; Wembley 85 at 1.10; On the Ball at 2.25; Abide With Me at 2.45 Everton v Manchester United at 3; Final Whistle and follow-ups at 4.40.

5 15 NEWS.

5 20 CARTOON TIME.

5 30 CONNECTIONS — Quiz with Sue Robbie.

6 00 THE SATURDAY 6 O'CLOCK SHOW — Live with Michael Aspel and team.

6 50 THE *GRUMBLEWEEDS RADIO SHOW* — Comedy group series.

7 20 THE PRICE IS RIGHT — The audience called down by Leslie Crowther.

8 15 HUNTER—A Long Way from L.A. Familiar situation when Hunter and McCall go off on a rural assignment in Texas and meet a homicidal sheriff. An ungrateful series, soon losing its single star by following two moderately good episodes with one of pure routine rubbish last week (Oracle.)

9 15 NEWS.

9 30 TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED — The Landlady. Siobhan McKenna in the title part, with a two year gap since her *last guest. Repeat.* (Oracle.)

10 00 ★ "PLAY 'MISTY' FOR ME" (1971)—Clint Eastwood, who is never off our screens, back again with the good thriller which he also directed. He plays a radio disc jockey pestered by a jealous, knife wielding girl (Jessica Walter). Oddly his regular director, Don Siegel plays Murphy, a barman, here. Preceded by London News Headlines.

11 50 MAGNUM — Jorobo Farewell. The young prince of Jorobo is visiting Hawaii for a little league baseball tournament. There's an attempt on his life.

12 40 BIZARRE — John Byner with offbeat American humour.

1 10 NIGHT THOUGHTS—with Mathoor Krishnamurti.

Channel 4

1 05 p.m. CHIPS' COMIC — Firework Night, repeat. 1.35 Print It Yourself; Sadsalad, Photocopying a Newsletter, a group in *Southampton.*

2 00 "PETER IBBETSON" (1955, b/w) — First of two Gary Cooper films this afternoon and a very peculiar one it is, a romantic fantasy about two youngsters who are childhood sweethearts in the Paris of 1820, then meet years later *when he goes to jail for life for murder, then they meet in* dreams, lastly in heaven. Very elaborate, and not without charm. Ann Harding as the girl.

3 30 "CITY STREETS" (1931, b/w) — Early gangland melodrama in which Gary Cooper, very young and a carnival employee known as The Kid, falls for Sylvia Sidney who has gangster connections and goes to jail for a murder she did not commit. More of a love story than a shootout. With Paul Lukas and Guy Kibbee. 5.5 Brookside, repeat. (Oracle.)

6 00 THE MAX HEADROOM SHOW — More pop videos.

6 30 NO PROBLEM! — Wedding Belles. Angel's fiancée from Nigeria arrives, meanwhile the National Trust may take Iron Hall off their hands.

7 00 7 DAYS — Moral issues of the week. Preceded by News and Weather.

7 30 LAKELAND ROCK — Take in Tight. Pete Livesey returns to Footless Crow with Chris Bonington.

8 15 WINSTON CHURCHILL: THE WILDERNESS YEARS — His Own Funeral. It is now 1936, with troubles in the family and the Abdication. Repeat.

9 15 TERROR — The Politics of Terror. Second of the two-part story of terrorism as told by people on the inside. How do states respond, and why can't terrorism be defeated?

10 15 HILL STREET BLUES — Grin and Bear It. Hill and Renko are given a senile, pugilistic bear to mind. Three cops, including Furillo, fail the alcohol test.

11 15 THE LATE CLIVE JAMES — His guests include author Frederic Raphael and Shirley Williams.

12 00 NAKED CITY — Let Me Die Before I Wake. It is obvious that a truck driver deliberately tries to run a man down, *but the man denies it.* B/w.

12 55-1.20 THE PAUL HOGAN SHOW — Australian comedian.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Porky Pig.
9 30 No.73.
11 00 The A-team.
11 58 TVS Weather.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA Cup Final: L.
5 15 News; TVS News.
5 20 Connections.
5 50 Knight Rider.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News; Sport.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — *1971 story of a late-night* radio D.J. (Clint Eastwood), who is stalked by a homicidal ex-fan.
11 55 The Adventurer.
12 25 *Company.*

Anglia

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Walt Disney's Goofy.
9 30 No.73.
11 00 The A-team.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA Cup Final: L.
5 15 News, Sport, Weather.
5 20 Connections.
5 50 Riptide.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News, Weather.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — 1971 thriller, directed and starring Clint Eastwood, about a radio DJ's homicidal fan.
11 30 Jazz Special: Charlie Byrd, Part 2.
12 25 At the End of the Day.

Central

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 *Walt Disney's Goofy.*
9 30 No.73.
11 00 The A-team.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA Cup Final: L.
5 15 *News.*

5 20 "Skyway to Death" — 1974 TV movie drama about a group of vacationers who become trapped in a cable car. Ross Martin, Stefanie Powers.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00-11.55 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — 1971 smart psycho melodrama, with good *suspense sequences,* starring Clint Eastwood.

Yorkshire

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Goofy.
9 30 No.73.
11 00 The A-team.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA Cup Final: L.
5 15 News.
5 20 Cartoon Time.
5 25 "The Disappearance of Flight 412" — 1974 TV movie sci-fi, which adds up to very little: Glenn Ford, Bradford Dillman.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — 1971 story of a late-night radio DJ (Clint Eastwood) who is stalked by a homicidal ex-fan.
11 55-12.25 That's Hollywood: Beautiful Bombshells.

HTV

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Professor Kitzel.
9 30 No.73.
11 00 The A-team.
11 58 HTV News.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA Cup Final between Everton and Manchester United from Wembley Stadium; Wrestling from Watford at 12.35 & 2.10; News at 1; On the Ball at 2.25; The Match at 3, Half-time at 3.45; Final Whistle at 4.40.
5 15 News; HTV News.
5 20 "Gorgo" — 1960 fantasy *film: Bill Travers.*
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News, Sport.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — 1971 psycho melodrama, starring Clint Eastwood as the late-night radio DJ.
11 55 Harvest Jazz Plus 2: Arnett Cobb (saxophonist).
12 25 Weather.

S4C

1 40 Farming on 4.
2 10 A Question of Economics.
2 40 Cwpan Pel-droed Lloegr: Everton v Man. United.
4 50 "*Go West*" — 1925 b/w comedy, staring Buster Keaton, as a tenderfoot on an Arizona ranch, who falls in love with a cow!
6 05 Where in the World?
6 30 The Avengers.
7 30 Newyddion.
7 45 Sion a Sian.
8 15 *Cofio Idwal.*
8 05 Cann Penillion.
9 35 Cynhadledd '85.
9 45 The Bright Side—comedy: Paula Wilcox, Paul Copley.
10 15 Hill Street Blues.
11 10-1 "Encore" — 1951 b/w film: final part of W. Somerset Maugham's compendium. *Nigel Patrick,* Roland Culver.

TSW

6 15 Good Morning.
9 25 Walt Disney's Goofy.
9 30 No.73.
11 00 Gus Honeybun.
11 02 Freeze Frame.
11 57 Local News.
12 00 World of Sport, including the FA *Cup* Final between Everton and Manchester United from Wembley *Stadium; Wrestling* from Watford at 12.35 & 2.10; News at 1; On the Ball at 2.25; The Match at 3, Half-time at 3.45; Final Whistle at 4.40.
5 15 News; Local News.
5 22 Cartoon.
5 30 "Nightside" — 1980 TV movie comedy, starring Doug McClure.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15 Hunter.
9 15 News, Sport, Weather.
9 30 Tales of the Unexpected.
10 00 "Play 'Misty' For Me" — 1971 psycho melodrama, with good suspense sequences, starring Clint Eastwood.
11 55 The Moviemakers — Special Effects: The Magicians.
12 30 Postscript.
12 35 Weather; Shipping.

Channel

9 25-11.00 As TSW.
11 00 *Puffin.*
11 10 Tarzan.
11 59 Weather.
12 00-5.15 As TSW.
5 15 News; Weather.
5 20 Puffin.
5 22 "Nightside": film as TSW.
6 50 Grumbleweeds Radio Show.
7 20 The Price Is Right.
8 15-11.55 As TSW.
11 55 Weather.

Open University

BBC 1, TV: 6.45 a.m. E364. 7.10 S354. 7.35 S364. 8-8.25 A315. BBC 2, TV: 6.25 a.m. T392. 6.50 D233. 7.15 U204. 7.40 SIDE. 8.5 T281. 8.30 A101. 8.55 TM361. 9.20 S271. 9.45 E355. 10.10 DS262. 10.35 E200. 11 S236. 11.25 S246. 11.50 A294. 12.15 P650. 12.40 E283. 1.5 PD770. 1.30 SM351. 1.55 AD208. 1.20 A315. 2.45 A361. Radio 2, VHF: 6.35 a.m. 6.55 MS283.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Farming Today.
6 50 Prayer for the Day.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Today's Papers.
7 15 On Your Farm, from the Devon County Show, Exeter.
7 45 In Perspective.
7 50 Down to Earth.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Today's Papers.
8 15 Sport on 4.
8 48 Yesterday in Parliament.
9 00 News.
9 05 Breakaway.
9 50 News Stand.
10 05 The Week in Westminster.
10 30 Pick of the Week, rpt.
11 30 From Our Own Correspondent.
12 00 Money Box.
12 27 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 News.
1 10 Any Questions?: from Ashington, Northumberland, rpt.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 "The Catch" — play by Nick Darke, rpt.: about a fisherman who is tempted by hard times, to fish in more troubled waters...
3 00 Instant Sunshine — last part, rpt.
3 30 Strathinver—A portrait of a small Scottish country town in the years between V E Day in 1945, and the Coronation in 1953. Written and introduced by Robin Bell.
4 15 Enterprise (6).
4 45 Letter from a Farm (3).
5 00 Wildlife, rpt.
5 25 Week Ending, rpt.
5 50 on l/w Shipping.
5 55 Weather; Travel.
6 00 News, Sport.
6 25 Russell Harty's Musical Encounters — new series (1): Sir Harold Acton.
7 05 Stop the Week with Robert Robinson.
7 45 Baker's Dozen.
8 30 "Love's Old Sweet Song" —play by Owen Holder. Isabel & Olive are identical twins, in their 80s, both are widows and life is serene, until Frank, a retired doctor comes on the scene. Mary Wimbush, Jenny Funnell & Godfrey Kenton.
9 45 Hallaton Bottle-kickers.
10 00 News.
10 15 Evening Service.
10 30 The Great Peacemakers—*last part: Jean Monnet.*
11 00 Science Now, rpt.
11 30 The Cabaret Upstairs.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7 05 Aubade.
9 00 News.
9 05 Record Review.
10 15 Stereo Release.
11 15 Hallé Orchestra, Alexis Weissenberg (piano), conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski: Elgar's Intro & Allegro for Strings, Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4 & Sibelius's Symphony No. 2 (12.5-12.10 Reading).
1 00 News.
1 05 Music for Two Pianos: Howard Shelley & Hilary Macnamara: William Reed and Rachmaninov.
2 00 Three Hundred Years On: Casella, Hindemith, Bach, transc. Bartok, Bach, orch. Webern, S t r a v i n s k y, Schoenberg, Bach & Berg.
4 30 Clarinet (Colin Parr) and Piano (Frank Wibaut), rpt: Debussy, Stanford.
5 00 Jazz Record Requests.
5 45 Critics' Forum.
6 35 Mozart's String Quartet in G.
7 00 The Teddy Bear and the Critics — Anthony Thwaite introduces an assessment of the late Sir John Betjeman as a poet; with contributions from Kingsley Amis, Roy Fuller & Peter Porter.
7 50 Wagner's Ring — "Siegfried" (sung in German), in 3 acts, with Gwyneth Jones as Brünnhilde and Manfred Jung in the title role; and the Bayreuth Festival Orch., conducted by Pierre Boulez. A simultaneous broadcast with BBC2 (9.10-9.18 & 10.35-10.45 Readings).
12 5-12.8 News.

TWO

4 00 Mark Williams.
6 00 George Ferguson.
8 05 David Jacobs.
10 00 Sounds of the 60s.
11 00 Album Time.
12 30 Vince Hill's Show.
1 00 The News Huddlines, rpt.
1 30 FA Cup Final: Everton v. Manchester United live from Wembley Stadium; Cricket scoreboard; Racing; Half-times at 3.45; Sports Report at 5.00.
6 00 Folk on 2.
7 00 Jump!
7 30 Gala Concert from Bexhill (8.20-8.40 Interval.)
9 30 Big Band Special.
10 05 Steve Jones.
12 05 Night Owls.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-4.00 Wally Whyton, rpt.
VHF: 1.00 p.m.-7.30 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Dave Lee Travis.
1 00 30 Years of Rock.
2 00 Paul Gambaccini.
4 00 Saturday Live.
6 30 In Concert: Two People & The Faith Brothers.
7 30 Graham Bannerman, with *live sessions* from Here's Johnny & Icicle Works.
9 30-12.00 Dixie Peach.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

6 a.m. GMT Newsdesk. 6.30 Album Time. 7 World News. 7.9 24 Hours. 7.30 From the Week-lies. 7.45 Network U.K. 8 World News. 8.9 Reflections. 8.15 A Jolly Good Show. 9 World News. 9.9 British Press Review. 9.15 The World Today. 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 LookAhead. 9.45 The Age of Elegance. 10 News. 10.1 That's Trad. 10.15 Letter from America. 11 World News. 11.9 News About Britain. 11.15 About Britain. 11.30 Meridian. 12 noon Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Anything Goes. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1 World News. 1.9 24 *Hours.* 1.30 *Network U.K.* 1.45 Saturday Special—(2.45 News). 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Saturday Special. 8 p.m. World News. 8.9 24 Hours. 8.30 Jazz for the Asking. 9 News. 9.1 Letter from Tokyo. 9.15 Cup Final Special. 9.50 People and Politics. 10 World News. 10.9 From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30 New Ideas. *10.40 Reflections.* 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letterbox. 11.30 Meridian. 12 midnight World News. 12.9 *News about Britain.* 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 1 News. 1.1 Play of the Week: Days in the Trees. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 It's All Been Done Before. 2.30 Sports Review. 3 *World News.* 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent. 3.45 Financial Review. 3.55 Reflections. 5 World News. 5.9 24 hours. 5.45 Letter from America.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m, 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330, 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz). Radio 3: 1215, 247 (90·3-92·5). Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417 (92·4-94·5, 97·1). World Service: 648, 463. Radio London: 1458, 206 (94·9). Capital: 1548, 194 (95·8). LBC: 1152, 261 (97·3).

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TELEVISION

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BC-1

15 a.m.-8.50 OPEN UNIVERSITY. 8.55 Play School. 9.15 Superbook: Those Amazing Trumpets.
10 THIS IS THE DAY—Home worship. 10 Asian Magazine. 10.30 Use Your Head, rpt. 10.55 Greek Language and People, rpt. 11.20 Letting Go: Young Love, rpt. 11.45 The Learning Machine, rpt.
10 SEE HEAR!—Magazine for the deaf. 12.35 Farming: Weather. 1 News. 1.5 Bonanza: A Matter of Faith, rpt. 1.55 Cartoon. 2 Eastenders, omnibus rpt. (Ceefax).
10 "DENTIST ON THE JOB" (1961, b/w)—Imagine going to the dentist and finding he is Bob Monkhouse, here involved in a publicity campaign for a new toothpaste which doesn't work. Painful comedy with Kenneth Connor and Shirley Eaton. (Wales: "The Kid" (1921 b/w film): Charlie Chaplin. 3.50-4.55 The Welsh F.A. Cup Final: Bangor City v Shrewsbury Town.)
25 ISLES APART—Channel Islands repeat. London and South East. (East—The Evacuees; Midlands—Bodypower; North—The Pennine Challenge; South—Gardening Club; South West — The Place-Name Games; West — Country Living).
55 THE DUKES OF HAZZARD—Cooter's Girl.

5 45 ★ ANTIQUES ROADSHOW—Douglas, Isle of Man. This last of the current series turns up the best piece of English furniture ever seen in the series. (Ceefax.)
6 25 APPEAL.
6 30 NEWS, WEATHER.
6 40 PRAISE BE!—Thora Hird with viewers' chosen hymns (Ceefax).
7 15 SORRY! — Suspicion and jealousy stalk the suburbs (Ceefax).
7 45 JULIET BRAVO—Ducks in a Row. Repeat. (Ceefax).
8 35 WHICKER'S WORLD—A Fast Boat to China part two, Sydney to Whitsunday Island. Repeat.
9 35 THAT'S LIFE—Presented by Esther Rantzen.
10 20 NEWS, WEATHER.
10 30 HEART OF THE MATTER—The roots of Dutch antagonism to the Pope. (Wales: Music Makers).
11 05 THE PAST AFLOAT—Sail and Steam. Anthony Burton repeat. (11.20-11.45 Wales Labour Conference Report.)
11 30 A FAMILY BAND—The Paynes of Orpington and The Taylors of Hayes. Repeat. 12 Weather. (Wales 11.45-12.20 Heart of the Matter.)

BC-2

25 a.m. OPEN UNIVERSITY.
55 SUNDAY GRANDSTAND—Including Motor Racing, the Monaco Grand Prix, the commentator for which is described by a Canterbury reader as "the supercharged, two-jet, turbo-driven Murray Walker Mk.11 in full blast"; and Cricket, a John Player league match. Pity they picked such a dud first game last week.
30 NEWS REVIEW.
5 ★ STUART BURROWS SINGS—The tenor's guest is mezzo-soprano Ann Murray.
30 DEBUT—This second programme of the series includes a quartet of students from the Royal Academy of Music playing on instruments made by young Frenchman, Patrick Robin, from the Newark School of Violin-Making, a food and wine student, and a tap dancer.

8 20 GROWING FOR GOLD—Peter Seabrook meeting some of the exhibitors preparing for this year's Chelsea Flower Show. They cannot have had a colder month.
8 50 WYNTON MARSALIS AT THE USHER HALL—The young black trumpeter, with the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra conducted by Jerzy Maksymiuk playing concertos by Haydn and Hummel.
9 40 GRAND PRIX—Monaco Grand Prix. Highlights.
10 20 ★ BLEAK HOUSE—Repeat of episode six and the plot is beginning to shape up in the gloom, vitally connected with Lady Dedlock. (Ceefax.)
11 15-12.45 "THE WEB" (1947, b/w)—Reasonable melodramatic thriller with Vincent Price as a wealthy industrialist hiring young lawer (Edmond O'Brien) for protection when a former partner is released from jail. Murder is followed by double-cross. Always nice to see Ella Raines.

TV London Weekend

35 a.m. GOOD MORNING BRITAIN, with Thought for a Sunday and at 7 Rub-a-Dub-Tub. 9.25 LWT Information. 9.30 Foghorn Leghorn, cartoons. 9.45 Speedy Gonzales, cartoons.
10 MORNING WORSHIP—From St. Brandon's, Brancepeth, Durham. 11 Getting On. 11.30 Breakthrough. 12 Weekend World: SDP Liberal Alliance—breaking through? 1 Police Five. 1.15 The Smurfs.
10 THE BIG GAME—Musical documentary of a big game fishing tournament in The Bahamas, with Roger Daltrey competing and music by his group The Who. 2 A Full Life: Kitty Muggeridge, wife of Malcolm, niece of Beatrice Webb, talking with Jill Cochrane.
10 "SHOWBOAT" (1951)—We recently had the marvellous 1936 film, with which this version with Howard Keel, Ava Gardner and Kathryn Grayson is often compared as inferior. It is, and slightly empty, lacking the heart of the earlier film, but as one critic pointed out it is just the difference between a good musical and a great one. Preceded by London News Headlines. 4.30 Travellers by Night, episode five. (Oracle). 5 Now You See It, general knowledge game.
10 ONCE IN A LIFETIME—A Dream of Immortality. Gerry Cawley, a Cornish wrestler, has won every prize as a middleweight and decides to eat his way up to the big league, the heavyweights, with such morsels as a 12-egg omelette. He goes to France to try to win back a trophy.

6 30 NEWS.
6 40 HIGHWAY—Norwich. Visited by Harry Secombe.
7 15 BOBBY DAVRO ON THE BOX—Taking a sharp look at TV programmes, with Jessica Martin and Jim Sweeney.
8 00 MURDER, SHE WROTE—A feature-length episode to introduce a new mystery series, with Angela Lansbury as a successful writer of detective stories who joins the ever increasing armies of female detectives competing with the regular police. After a fancy dress party "Sherlock Holmes" is found floating dead in the swimming pool. (Oracle.)
9 45 NEWS.
10 00 ONE SUMMER—Last episode, repeat. (Oracle).
11 00 AMERICAN DOCUMENTARY — Better Off Dead? The ethical problems and decisions arising from keeping alive severely damaged infants. Preceded by London News Headlines.
11 55 NIGHT THOUGHTS—With Rabbi Julia Neuberger.

Channel 4

15 p.m. IRISH ANGLE. 1.30 Tennis That Counts: Fireworks, repeat. 2 A Question of Economics: Is Big Business Out of Control? Looking at the giant, multi-national corporations.
30 THE FORCE OF DESTINY—Verdi's tragic opera in a Metropolitan Opera production conducted by James Levine which should be sung much better than last week's very unstylish and amateur level "Cosi fan Tutte" from Sweden. Leonora is sung by Leontyne Price, Don Alvaro by Giuseppe Giacomini and Don Carlo by Leo Nucci. 5.30 The Business Programme, including an interview with the chief executive of Lloyds of London; preceded by News and Weather.
15 NATIONAL FESTIVAL OF MOVEMENT AND DANCE—Suzanne Danielle introduces 700 amateur dance and fitness enthusiasts from the Royal Albert Hall.

7 15 ★ WEBS AND OTHER WONDERS—Another from that excellent unit, Oxford Scientific Films, now taking a close-up look at the world of spiders and the way they use their silk in Kenya, Australia and Britain.
8 15 ★ THE KNOWLEDGE—Nigel Hawthorne still books the 8.15 Sunday time, but moves on from Lucia's Georgino to a sinister examiner of would-be London taxi drivers in Jack Rosenthal's excellent comedy. Repeat.
9 45 APOCALYPSE—A Personal View by James Winny. A disturbing examination of the Book of Revelation. Are these the final scenes of human history?
10 45-12.30 ★ "HOLIDAY" (1938, b/w) — Elegant romantic comedy in which Cary Grant as a rising young lawyer is engaged into a snooty New York family of which Katharine Hepburn is his fiancée's unconventional sister.

★★ Outstanding. ★ Recommended.

ITV REGIONS

TVS

5 Good Morning.
5 Action Line.
5 Fang Face.
0 Morning Worship.
0 Getting On.
0 Breakthrough.
0 Weekend World.
0 Agenda.
0 Farm Focus.
0 A Full Life. Kitty Muggeridge.
0 "The Count of Monte Cristo" (1954, b/w): Robert Donat.
5 TVS News.
0 Travellers By Night.
0 Now You See It.
0 Once in a Lifetime.
5 ITN News.
0 Highway. Norwich.
5 Bobby Davro on the Box.
0 Murder, She Wrote: L.
5 News.
0 One Summer.
0 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace.
0 Portrait of a Legend: Pat Boone.
5 Company.

Central

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Professor Kitzel.
9 30 Breakthrough.
10 00 Morning Worship.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 Gardening Time.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Cartoon Alphabet.
1 30 Here and Now.
2 00 A Full Life: Kitty Muggeridge.
2 30 "The Magnificent Seven Deadly Sins" (1972): Ian Carmichael, Spike Milligan, Bruce Forsyth, Harry Secombe.
4 30 Travellers by Night.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Once in a Lifetime.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Norwich.
7 15 Bobby Davro on the Box.
8 00 Murder, She Wrote: L.
9 45 News.
10 00 One Summer.
11 00-12.45 "How to Destroy the Reputation of the Greatest Secret Agent": French film with Jean-Paul Belmondo, made in 1973.

HTV

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Individually Yours.
10 00 Morning Worship: L.
11 00 Getting On.
11 30 Breakthrough.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 The Adventurer.
1 30 Farming, Weather.
2 00 A Full Life: Kitty Muggeridge.
2 30 Once in a Lifetime.
3 30 What Makes a Bestseller? Jeffrey Archer.
4 30 Travellers by Night.
5 00 Definition.
5 30 Falcon Crest.
6 30 News, HTV News.
6 40 Highway: Norwich.
7 15 Bobby Davro on the Box: new series.
8 00 Murder, She Wrote: Angela Lansbury in "The Murder of Sherlock Holmes".
9 45 News.
10 00 One Summer.
11 00 Looks Familiar.
11 45 Nature of Things: heart attack.
12 45 Weather.

TSW

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Getting On.
10 00 Morning Worship.
11 00 Breakthrough.
11 25 Look and See.
11 30 Crazy World of Sport.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 Gardens for All.
1 30 Farming News.
2 00 A Full Life.
2 30 "The Finest Hours" — 1964 film documentary on Winston Churchill.
4.30 Travellers by Night.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Once in a Lifetime.
6 30 News, Weather.
6 40 Highway: Norwich.
7 15 Bobby Davro on the Box: new series.
8 00 Murder, She Wrote: Angela Lansbury in "The Murder of Sherlock Holmes".
9 45 News, Weather.
10 00 One Summer.
11 00 Sally: documentary portrait of actress, writer and stage director Sally Miles.
11 30 Streets of San Francisco.
12 25 Postscript.
12 30 Weather, Shipping.

Anglia

5-9.25 Good Morning.
0 Survival, rpt.
0 Morning Worship.
0 Getting On.
0 Breakthrough.
0 Weekend World.
0 Silver Spoons.
5 Weather; Farming.
0 A Full Life: Kitty Muggeridge.
0 "Bhowani Junction": 1956 film with Ava Gardner, Stewart Granger.
0 Travellers by Night.
0 Now You See It.
0 Once in a Lifetime.
0 News, Weather.
0 Highway: Norwich.
5 Bobby Davro on the Box.
0 Murder, She Wrote: L.
5 News. Weather.
0 One Summer.
0 Shelley, rpt.
0 The Irish RM, rpt.
0 Word on the Brow.

Yorkshire

6 55 Good Morning.
9 25 Weather; Getting On.
10 00 Morning Worship.
11 00 Breakthrough.
11 30 Farming Diary.
12 00 Weekend World.
1 00 The Champions.
2 00 A Full Life:
2 30 "Demetrius and the Gladiators" — 1954 sequel to "The Robe": Victor Mature, Susan Hayward.
4 25 Cartoon Time.
4 30 Travellers by Night.
5 00 Now You See It.
5 30 Once in a Lifetime.
6 30 News.
6 40 Highway: Norwich.
7 15 Bobby Davro on the Box.
8 00 Murder, She Wrote: L.
9 45 News.
10 00 One Summer.
11 00 In Concert: Mac Davies.
12 15 Five Minutes.

S4C

1 15 Lakeland Rock.
2 00 Gardeners' Calendar.
2 30 Paris Jamais Vu: bird's eye view of the city.
2 55 Cwpan Pel-Droed Cymru, Bangor v Yr Amwythig.
5 00 The Wine Programme.
5 30 The Business Programme.
6 15 National Festival of Movement and Dance.
7 20 An Canker Seth: new series.
7 30 Newyddion.
7 35 Tocyn Tramor: Emyr Wyn ar daith yn Indonesia
8 10 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn?
8 40 Er Gwaetha'r Gelyn, Gwersyll yn Sandowitz.
9 25 Dechrau Canu, Dechrau Canmol.
9 55 Winston Churchill, the Wilderness Years.
10 55 The Late Clive James.
11 40-12.10 Seven Days.

Channel

12 25 Weather; Starting Point.
12 30 Link.
1 00 Gardens for All.
1 30 A Sense of the Past.
2 00-11 As TSW.
11 00 The Moviemakers.
11.30 Streets of San Francisco.
12 25 Weather.

Open University

BBC 1 TV: 6.45 a.m. T101. 7.10 S358. 7.35 T361. 8 S322. 8.25-8.50 S304.

BBC 2 TV: 6.25 a.m. A315. 6.50 D202. 7.40 D208. 8.5 U221. 8.30 S541. 8.55 MST204. 9.20 D102. 9.45 M101. 10.10 M203. 10.35 M245. 11 T265. 11.25 PME233. 11.50 S202. 12.15 A292. 12.40 E204. 1.5 A352. 1.30-1.55 T275.

Radio 4 VHF: 6.45 a.m. AD208. 7.5 S101. 7.25-7.55 T101.

Radio 3 VHF: 6.35-6.55 a.m. PE231.

WORLD SERVICE RADIO

a.m. GMT Newsdesk. 6.30 ... for the Asking. 7 World ... 7.9 24 Hours. 7.30 From ... Own Correspondent. 7.50 ... 8 World News. 8.9 ...ctions. 8.15 The Pleasure's ... 9 World News. 9.9 British ... Review. 9.15 Sports ...ew. 9.45 Letter from Tokyo. ...News. 10.1 Short Story. 10.15 ... Our Own Correspondent. ...World News. 11.10 It's Your ...d: 01-580 4411: Pik Botha, South African Foreign Minister. 11.55 News about Britain.

12 noon News. 12.1 Play of the Week: Days in the Trees. 1 World News. 1.9 24 Hours. 1.30 Close Encounters of the Worst Kind. 1.45 The Tony Myatt Request Show. 2 News. 2.30 Love and Marriage. 3 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Concert Hall. 4 World News. 4.9 Commentary. 4.15 Cathedral Heritage.

5 p.m. World News. 5.9 24 Hours. 5.30 Sunday Half-hour. 6 News. 6.1 Short Story. 6.15 The Pleasure's Yours. 10 World News. 10.9 The Poem Itself. 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial Review. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11 World News. 11.9 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from America. 11.30 Cathedral Heritage.

12 midnight World News. 12.9 News about Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Religious Service. 1 News. 1.1 English to the Backbone. 1.45 Shakespeare and Music. 2 World News. 2.9 British Press Review. 2.15 Peebles' Choice. 2.30 Music Now. 3 World News. 3.9 News about Britain. 3.15 Good Books. 4.35 Hunger. 4.55 Reflections. 5 World News. 5.9 24 Hours. 5.45 Recording of the Week.

RADIO

FOUR

5 55 on l/w Shipping.
6 00 News Briefing.
6 10 Prelude.
6 30 Morning Has Broken.
6 55 Weather; Travel.
7 00 News.
7 10 Sunday Papers.
7 15 Apna Hi Ghar Samajhiye.
7 45 Bells.
7 50 Turning Over New Leaves.
7 55 Weather; Travel.
8 00 News.
8 10 Sunday Papers.
8 15 Sunday.
8 50 Week's Good Cause.
8 55 Weather; Travel.
9 00 News.
9 10 Sunday Papers.
9 15 Letter from America, rpt.
9 30 Service from the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Woodford, Essex.
10 15 The Archers.
11 15 The Food Programme.
11 40 Home-ing In.
12 10 It's Your World: 01-580 4411—Pik Botha, South African Foreign Minister.
12 55 Weather.
1 00 World this Weekend.
1 55 on l/w Shipping.
2 00 Gardeners' Question Time, visits Co. Fermanagh, N. Ireland.
2 30 "Radio Waves"—play by Leigh Jackson, rpt.: about the lives of a group of people who run a radio programme.
4.00 Night Out in Novosibirsk, rpt.—John Elsom reports on the town's cultural life.
4 30 Talk of the Town, Talk of the Country (new series); Stanley Ellis explores the variety of British dialects.
5 00 News; Travel.
5 05 Sir Adrian Boult—a profile of the conductor.
5 50 Shipping; Weather.
6 00 News.
6 15 Feedback—new series, rpt.
6 30 Bookshelf.
7 00 "The Meisterspringer" (5).
7 30 The Thatcher Phenomenon (3): Hugo Young examines Mrs Thatcher's economic policies.
8 00 The Leopard — Anthony Smith follows the creative process behind Jonathon Kenworthy's new sculpture for Cannon Street.
8 30 A Word in Edgeways.
9 00 Daughters and Sons (3).
10 00 News.
10 15 You the Jury.
11 00 There's Music in God (5): Dietrich Bonhoeffer.
11 15 Inside Parliament.
12 00-12.15 News, Weather.
12 33 Shipping forecast.

VHF: 6.45 a.m.-7.45 Open University. 4 p.m.-6 Study on 4: In Business; 4.30 Inside Information; 5 War & the Modern Writer. 5.30 Euromagazine.

THREE

6 55 Weather.
7 00 News.
7.05 Amadeus Quartet play Mozart & Britten.
8 00 Bach Cantatas — 1724.
8 30 Domenico Scarlatti, rpt.
9 00 News.
9 05 Your Concert Choice.
10 30 Music Weekly.
11 15 St. Louis SO, conducted by Jiri Belohlavek: Suk's Symphonic Poem: Prague, Smetana's Vltava (Ma Vlast), & Janacek's Rhapsody: Taras Bulba. (11.55-12 Words, with Robert Lloyd.)
12 25 Strauss and Prokofiev, played by Lydia Mordkovitch (violin) & John Wilson (piano).
1 30 BBC PO, conducted by Edward Downes: Glazunov & Dvorak.
2 40 Oboe (Richard Weigall) and Piano (Ruth Gerald): Martin Grabert, Hendrick Andriessen & Edward Gregson.
3 15 Early Music from the Proms: Purcell's Hail, bright Cecilia & Handel's Dixit Dominus, rpt. (4.10-4.15 Reading.)
4 50 Bagatelles (Ian Lake — piano): Beethoven, Liszt & Bartok.
5 30 New Premises.
6 15 *Now and Then — London* Oboe Trio, with Margaret Field (sop.) & Carlos Bonell (guitar); Krommer, Weber, Charles Dakin's Auloi (1st perf.) & Douglas Young's Chamber Music — poems by James Joyce (1st perf.). (6.45-6.50 Reading.)
7 30 "Species Plantarum" — play by Sheila Bradley, rpt.: with Robert Lang and Jill Bennett.
9 00 The Vigil Service of the Orthodox Church — a new setting by John Tavener, recorded in Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.
11 00 Chilingirian Quartet play Elgar's Quartet in E & Tippett's Quartet No. 3.
11 57-12 News.

TWO

4 00 Mark Williams.
6 00 George Ferguson.
7 30 Roger Royle.
9 00 Melodies for You.
11 00 Desmond Carrington.
1 00 Ray Moore, with Two's Best.
2 00-6.30 Summer Sounds, with Stuart Hall.
6 30 Charlie Chester.
7 35 Glamorous Nights.
8 30 Sunday Half-hour.
9 00 Your 100 Best Tunes.
10 05 Songs from the Shows.
10 45 Neil Richardson (piano).
11 00 Sony Radio Awards, from the Grosvenor House Hotel.
12 05 Sounds of Jazz.
1 00 Peter Dickson.
3 00-4 Two's Best, rpt.

VHF: 2 p.m. Benny Green. 3 Alan Dell. 4 Vernon & Marvetta Midgley. 4.30 Sing Something Simple. 5-12 As Radio 1.

ONE

6 00 Mark Page.
8 00 Peter Powell.
10 00 Steve Wright.
12 30 Jimmy Savile.
2 30 Adrian Juste.
4 30 Rock 'n' Roll Trivia.
5 00 Top 40.
7 00 Anne Nightingale.
9 00 Robbie Vincent.
11 00-12 Ranking Miss P.

WAVELENGTHS

Radio 1: 1089 kHz, 275 m. 1053, 285. Radio 2: 909, 330. 693, 433. (Radio 1/2 VHF: 88-90·2 MHz).
Radio 3: 1215, 247. (90·3-92·5).
Radio 4: 200, 1500. Greater London 720, 417. (92·94·5, 97·1).
World Service: 648, 463.
Radio London: 1458, 206. (94·9).
Capital: 1548, 194. (95·8).

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BIRTHS

APPS.—On May 16, 1985, at Kingston Hospital, to HILES (née McMichael) and COLIN, a son (Dara) John.

BEWS.—On May 16, in Torbay Hospital, to MIRIAM and PETER, a son (James).

CARTER.—On May 16, at North Devon Hospital, Barnstaple, to JUDITH (née Hoyt) and GARY, a daughter (Sarah).

EGREMONT.—On May 17, 1985, at Somerset County, Dorchester, to ANNABEL (née Wood) and CHRISTOPHER, a son (James Donald Alexander) a brother for William.

FIRTH.—On May 17, to LYNN (née Allen) and MICHAEL, the gift of a daughter (Sabrina Genevieve), a sister for dear Kara.

FLETCHER.—On Sunday, May 12, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, to SALLY (née Binding) and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter, sister to Amy.

IGOTTO.—On April 23, in Cork, to CLARE and CHRISTOPHER, a daughter (Orlaith), a sister for Richard and Caroline.

LOVEY.—On May 14, at North Gate Hospital, Great Yarmouth, to THELMA (née Jones) and MARK, a daughter (Sarah), a sister for Jennifer and Susan.

MACKENZIE.—On May 9, to PAMELA (née Wood) and JOHN, a son (James Daniel Hugh).

MAXWELL. — On May 7, to ROSANNE (née Welsh) and DERMOT, a daughter (Holly Caroline) sister for James and Oliver.

MOODY.—On May 15, to MARY and DAVID, a daughter (Annabel Kate), a sister for Timothy.

MORTER.—On May 8, to ALYSON (née Burgess) and ANTHONY, a son (James Edward), a brother for Felicity.

OGILVY-WEDDERBURN.—On May 15, to GILL (née Adderley) and ANDREW, a daughter (Katherine).

PARTRIDGE.—On May 13, at Birmingham, to MARY (née Loveridge) and STUART, a son (Roland Stuart George).

SNELLE.—On May 15, to GAYI and MICHAEL, a son (Timothy Luke), brother for Marianne, Michael and Matthew.

WHITSON.—On May 13, to IRENE (née Stephen) and Rev. a son (Edward), a brother for Joanna and Alexander.

WILLIAMS.—On May 16, at Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, to SANDRA (née Foscarini) and TREVOR, a son (Thomas), brother for Anna.

MARRIAGES

ROBERTS—CHAMBERLAIN. — On April 27, at Leamington, Canada, quietly, ROBERT to CAROL.

WRITSON—DARLING.—On May 4, 1985, at Tunbridge Wells, Mr MICHAEL WRITSON to Miss LOUISE DARLING. Both of Sevenoaks.

RUBY WEDDINGS

CLIFTON—STRANGE.—On May 19, 1945, at St Paul's, Harringay, Pte. CLIFTON to Pvt STRANGE. Still at 15, Carlyle Road, Croydon.

EDWARDS-STUART—DECK. — On May 19, 1945, in Lahore Cathedral, Punjab, 1/Lt. TOM EDWARDS-STUART, 12th Frontier Force Regt., to ELIZABETH DECK, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. Still at North Lodge, Westbert, Weymouth.

KEMP—SEEME. — On May 19, 1945, at St Andrews, Mashali, Park to LAURA. Now at 9, Broadmead, Vicars Cross, Chester.

LEWIS—STIR. — On May 19, 1945, at St Mark's Church, Dunmow, PATRICK GARRETT LEWIS to DOREEN SPEAR. Now at Bertrd, Colchester Essex.

MACRAE—BEETHAM.—On May 18, 1945, at Rossington Parish Church, RODERICK IVEN, Major R.A.V.C., to JOAN MARY, W.A.A.F. Now at 16, Cooopins Close, Chelmsford.

MARSHALL—RICHMOND.—On May 19, 1945, at All Saints', East Finchley, DOUGLAS to VIOLET. Still at Ickenham.

PALFERMAN—LEE.—On May 19, 1945, at St Philip's Church, Litherland, Liverpool, TOM to CONNIE. Now at Dibdin Cottages, Dibden Hill, Chesham St Giles.

SEYMOUR—LOVELL.—On May 19, 1945, at St Helen's, Wheathampstead, LAURIE to DAPHNE. Now at Guelders, Gustard Wood, Wheathampstead.

GOLDEN WEDDINGS

DOBBIN—CAMERON.—On May 18, 1935, at Crieff Old Church, Captain RUSLEY WANKHAM DOBBIN to MURIEL MARNI CAMERON. Now at 14, Lower Ward, Windsor Castle.

HARGREAVES—QUARTERLY. — On May 18, 1935, at Devonport, Devon, JOSEPH to ESTHER. Now at 2, Marsdon Close, Plymouth, Devon.

ROCHLEY—PICKER. — On May 18, 1935, at Witton, Manchester, CHARLES to FLORENCE. Now at Wood Broughton, Carlisle, Grange-over-Sands.

DEATHS

ASHFORTH.—On May 15, peacefully at Tunbridge Wells in her 92nd year, CECILY GWENDOLYN, beloved sister of Gladys Biggins and the late MONTAGUE ASHFORTH and Ivy Weatherby, lately of Isle of Sheppey and Brightlingsea, Essex. Cremation at Tunbridge Wells on Thursday, May 23, at 3.30 p.m.

ASTBURY.—On May 16, peacefully in Rush Court Nursing Home, Wallingford, CLARA ASTBURY. Family flowers only. Inquiries to W. Marnham, Funeral Director, Wallingford 3514.3.

BATES.—On May 4, at Moffat Hospital, Scotland, peacefully after a long illness wonderfully borne, JANE HOWARD BATES, beloved wife of Gordon and sister of Sarah and Frieda. Cremated Moffan Hall, Edinburgh, May 8. God grant her peace and happiness.

BAWTREE.—On May 14, 1985, peacefully in hospital, MAURICE BAWTREE, aged 84 years, beloved and devoted husband of Catherine. Cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday, May 23, at 2 p.m. Inquiries and flowers if desired to Messrs Grimsdale, 58, Swan Road, West Drayton, Middlesex. Tel. W.D. 44032.

BAYNE.—On Thursday, May 16, 1985, in Orpington Hospital, E. E. (Ted) BAYNE, M.A., of 18, The Burts, Otford, dearly loved husband of Molly, much loved father of Jim and Mick, grandfather of Sebastian. Cremation Thursday, May 23, at 2 p.m., Tunbridge Wells. Arrangements by Frank Chappell, 3, London Road, Sevenoaks, Kent.

BEAUMONT.—On May 17, following a short illness, ERIC COURTNEY. Funeral service at St Johns, Woking Crematorium, 11.30 a.m., Thursday, May 23. Flowers to Woking Funeral Services.

BRAIN.—On May 15, suddenly at Troy House, South Road, Kingswood, Bristol, MICHAEL P.R. (Solicitor). Funeral service St Stephen's Church, Soundwell, Friday, May 24, 12 noon. Cremation to follow at South Bristol Crematorium. Floral tributes or donations to St Johns Ambulance may be sent to Aldervick Funeral Directors, Regent Street, Kingswood, Bristol.

BROOKS. — On Thursday, May 16, 1985, peacefully at Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, Dr CHARLES T. BROOKS, of 6, Morar Place, Kinross, dearly beloved husband of Brenda and father of Paul and Kevin. A Requiem Mass will be held at St James's Church, Kinross, at 10.30 a.m., on Tuesday, May 21, followed by cremation at Perth Crematorium, Crieff Road, at 12.15 p.m. All friends invited. Family flowers only. Donations in lieu to Leukaemia and Bone Marrow Transplant Fund, c/o Mr J. Watt, Administrator, Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh.

BROWN.—On May 8, peacefully in South Africa, CHARLES KEITH BROWN, loved and sadly missed by Gayle, James, Jared, and sadly missed by Gayle, James Antonia, Tamsin and Georgina.

BURNS.—On May 15, 1985, peacefully in Ravenscroft Park Nursing Home, Barnet, WINIFRED, aged 86, beloved wife of the late FRANK BURNS, of Heathfield Close, Potters Bar, and dear mother of Una and Kevin. Requiem Mass at the Catholic Church, Union Street, Barnet, at 12.30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22, followed by cremation at Enfield Crematorium at 1.45 p.m. Flowers to J. A. Clarke & Son, 103, Wood Street, Barnet, before 12 noon.

BURTON.—On May 16, 1985, peacefully, JEAN, beloved wife of Sydney (Bill), of 52, Beehive Lane, Ferring, Sussex, and loving mother of Stephanie and grandmother of Paul. Funeral service at St. Andrew's Church, Ferring, at 2.15 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22, followed by cremation at Worthing Crematorium. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to St Barnabas Home, c/o F. A. Tourle & Sons, Funeral Directors, Church Lane, Ferring, Worthing 45198.

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12 Card play that is all right throughout (5)
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18 Once mighty state in which a spur is out of place (7)
20 Engrosses the attention of a sailor's eyes? (7)
21 The side of Madrid that isn't fancied? (4)
22 Amphibious weapon carriers (5)
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26 More on one's plate than first aid? (6, 7)
27 A nice and snug never-ending arrangement (9)

DOWN

2 Very little currency? (4)
3 Agreement reached in Massachusetts (7)
4 Logs cut up for the soldiers' quarters (7)
5 Obligations I get upset about (4)
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9 What every wine-merchant should do in Greater Manchester (9)
10 Not in gear (9)
14 Plant that has aromatic seeds, yet is insane (5)
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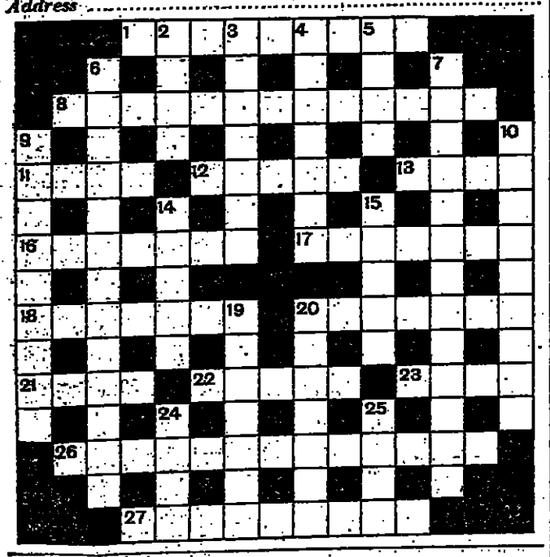

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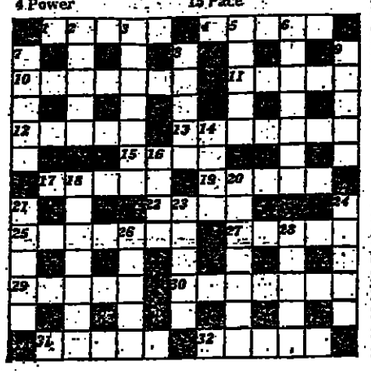

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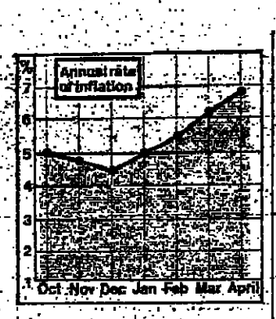

By MAURICE WEAVER Industrial Staff

GROWING pressure on union pay negotiators to push for higher settlements is certain to follow the inflation figure of 6·9 per cent, announced yesterday.

With the year's wage round now about half way through, managements which have still to settle will find it harder to sustain the 5·7 per cent. private sector pattern of recent months.

In the public sector, where early settlements were generally lower, union leaders said there will be even greater resistance to Government pay guidelines.

Incomes Data Services, a company which analyses pay movements, projected yesterday's inflation rate in its May report and said: "Negotiators who have pencilled in final offers of five or six per cent. may now find it harder to hold the line."

Government deals

Even before the inflation rate began its upward climb in the early spring there were signs that market pressures were at work resulting in both larger and more diverse settlements. The most significant of these new influences was the improving trading results of some manufacturing companies.

The Government itself can be relieved that many of the big public sector pay deals have been concluded. These include the railwaymen (4·85 per cent.), the coal miners (5·2 per cent.) and the local authority manual workers (5 per cent.).

The 500,000 white-collar civil servants, have conceded defeat in their pay battle and agreed to "nod through" a 4·8 per cent. offer without formally accepting it.

But a million NHS workers have yet to settle. So have 600,000 white-collar town hall staff, and the teachers are still in mid-dispute over their four per cent. offer.

In the private sector, many of the big motor companies have settled and the engineering employers did a deal in January giving 5·14 per cent. to about 1,500,000 workers. But ICI is still talking and British Telecom employees have still to settle with 5·8 per cent. on the table.

Workers who settled early in the round may well now be feeling dismayed. There will certainly be strong central pressure on managements to keep a firm grip on the reins to prevent an inflationary surge destabilising the overall incomes structure.

The alternative is that next year's pay round, starting in the late autumn, will bring with it a crop of "catch up" claims from those who consider that they have "lost out" this time.

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By MAURICE WEAVER

NUR defies judge

through sickness or absence, it means more reliable services."

The system worked well on almost every other underground railway in the world, he said, and the limited experience in London so far showed that it functioned well in Britain too. Large sums had been invested on equipment on the basis of the union's promise to cooperate.

"London Underground is only asking for the bargain to be honoured," he said. "We are not trying to impose a change while negotiations are in progress, as has been claimed."

He added: "The union had submitted new claims for more rest time because of stress. "These claims are not supported by any evidence and our efforts to get union agreement for a propert survey have been frustrated."

Rest periods were already good, he said. "One Person Operation drivers generally spend one third of their duties not actually driving."

The N.U.R's decision to defy the courts is apparently a gesture of support for the T U C's official policy of non-cooperation with the Government's industrial laws.

The most important examples of sequestration of union assets were the cases of the National Graphical Association in its dispute with Mr Eddie Shah's newspaper group in 1983, and the National Union of Mineworkers as a result of its strike last year.

The N.G.A. assets were released after the union apologised to the court but the N U M's million have still not been restored and the union is being subsidised by other T U C affiliates.

The 113-year-old National Union of Railwaymen is one of the wealthiest unions of them all, with property and investment holdings in excess of £20 million.

Two years ago it sold its headquarters, Unity House, on the north side of Euston Road, London, making £1 million on the deal and building a new headquarters on the opposite side of the road at an estimated cost of £7 million. Its properties also include an educational centre in 45 acres of land near Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and its finance offices based at Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire.

U.S. AIRPORTS HIT BY STRIKE

America's airports were thrdown into confusion yesterday with many international flights cancelled due to a strike by 5,300 pilots at United Airlines which runs services between most major cities and operates overseas routes, including services between London and Chicago.

The strike is over a company proposal to pay newly-recruited pilots on a lower scalee than existing ones. Average salary for a United Airlines pilot is equivalent to £75,000. Jumbo jet pilots get £125,000 a year.

STUDENTS HALT MP's SPEECH

Suffles broke out at Bristol University yesterday as students prevented a Rightiwing Tory M P from speaking.

Mr Harvey Proctor, M P for Billericay, had to leave the platform before he could start to address a meeting of about 250 students. A number of students who tried to follow him were stopped as university officials blocked the doors. Scuffles broke out but no one was injured.

YACHTS SAVED

Lifeboats from Lowestoft and Gorleston rescued three Dutch yachts which ran aground in fog off the Suffolk coast yesterday. More than 50 vessels reached Lowestoft for the annual visit of the Royal Netherlands Yacht Club.

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For a change on Sunday try your skill with THE SUNDAY TELEGRAPH *prize crossword.*

£300 REWARD FOR HEROINE OF ROBBERY

A company secretary, Susan Steel, 28, was awarded £300 by Mr Recorder Sarony at Croydon Crown Court yesterday for chasing two robbers who snatched £700 from a Croydon firm.

She alerted 19-year-old Graham Spiller, a passing motorist, who continued the pursuit which resulted in 24-year-old Colin Parbodee being arrested. Mr Spiller was awarded £200.

The judge praised the couple's "outstandingly courageous behaviour." Parbodee, of Writeley Road, South Norwood, was jailed for three years, after admitting robbery.

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PROBLEMS

By JAMES WIGHTMAN

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somewhat distorting effects of fluctuations in the mortgage rate. from the Retail Price Index, inflation over the past year comes down to 5·3 per cent.

"I see no reason at this stage to alter the Budget forecast of an overall inflation figure of around five per cent by the end of the year and lower still in 1986—particularly since the RPI is only now reflecting the effects of the fall in the exchange rate during the latter part of last year, and has yet to register sterling's subsequent recovery.

"But what today's figure also shows with stark clarity is that low inflation can never be taken for granted and that there can be no let-up in the unremitting struggle against rising prices.

"Indeed, with the economy, in all probability, growing faster than at any time for over a decade, it is hard to imagine a more inappropriate moment for what is euphemistically known as 'reflation'."

Mr King, Employment Secretary, who announced the inflation figure yesterday, said that it was "the clearest warning that the low rates we have achieved over the last few years can not be taken for granted."

Jobs warning

Mr King, who also has to announce the unemployment figures monthly, told the Cirencester and Tewkesbury Conservative Association at Cirencester: "Too many people think not only that low inflation is now guaranteed, but that we could even afford to stoke it up a little in the hope that this might bring down unemployment. Today's figure shows just how wrong they are.

"Inflation is still too high, if we were deliberately to allow it to rise further, we would, once again be running the risk that it would destroy jobs—not create them.

"The experience of the 1970s proves that it is not only jobs that inflation destroys.

"In 1979, when this Government came to power, inflation posed a direct threat to every family's savings and standard of living and that the unions, determined to shield their members from its effects regardless of the cost to everybody else, were threatening to destroy the very fabric of the country in a mad scramble for power and privilege.

"We have removed those twin threats, and this country has benefitted greatly as a result.

"Of course our top priority now must be to get unemployment down. But we will not achieve it if we drop our guard on inflation."

Mr Hattersley, Labour's Shadow Chancellor, said: "The Government has staked its credibility on reducing inflation. But inflation has now nearly doubled since the last election.

"The fear is that Mrs Thatcher, in the face of her own prediction that inflation will come down to three per cent. before the next election will attempt to bring this about by increasing unemployment—just as this Government did during its first term of office.

"Today's depressing inflation figures are the result both of the Government's disastrous handling of the economy at the beginning of this year and of their punitive attack on local government.

Fingers crossed

"High interest rates mean that householders are faced with increased mortgage repayments. Rate-capping by which the Government has taken millions of pounds away from local councils, has meant that rate payers are faced with higher rate demands."

Dr Owen, SDP leader stated: "The Chancellor of the Exchequer is now boxed in. If he tightens his monetary policy any further it will give a savage twist to unemployment. If wage inflation follows, unemployment will further rise."

Mr Steel, Liberal leader, said: "Mrs Thatcher's excuse has been the need to keep for the horrendous dole queues has been the need to keep down inflation. If the dole queue is lengthening ad inflation going up, even she must begin to wonder whether her economic policies are not fundamentally wrong."

Many Tory fingers were crossed last night in the hope that Ministers will be proved correct in their forecasts that the trends in inflation and unemployment can be reversed.

There was less confidence than the day before among Tories about ministerial assurances that the Government's problems are routine for mid-Parliament and will be countered in time for the next election.

There was also a new determination among Mr Pym's Centre Forward group which has warned ministers that "a less deflationary" economic policy must be pursued to reduce unemployment and avert the possibility of defeat at the next election.

Inflation

By FRANCES WILLIAMS

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between six and seven per cent. on average. This could set off an inflationary spiral which would be hard to control.

But Whitehall officials concede that the inflation rate could stick at present levels or go even higher over the next few months, in the run-up to the next wage round which begins in the autumn.

Some City analysts believe inflation could peak at about 7·5 per cent in July and is unlikely to approach the Chancellor's end-year target of about five per cent unless there is a significant fall in the mortgage rate.

More immediately, higher-than-expected inflation will push up the cost to the Exchequer of uprating social security benefits. The November uprating will be based on is expected to be around 7 p.c. is expected to be about seven per cent.

The Government's spending plans published in February assumed an inflation rate of only 4·75 per cent. The extra cost in 1985-86 will be about £400 million, rising to £800 million in a full year—enough to gobble up all the savings on the social security budget arising from the Fowler benefit reviews.

Although the chancellor raised his spring inflation forecast to 6 per cent at Budget time and increased the spending reserve by £2 billion, the need for extra cash for social security comes at a time when other spending pressures are mounting.

Public borrowing

Figures published yesterday show that public borrowing was £1·8 billion in April, the first month of the new financial year, compared with £2·4 billion in April 1984. The Government is predicting borrowing for 1985-86 as a whole of £1·7 billion against £10·1 billion in 1984-85.

Half the April increase in prices was due to higher mortgage rates and a further quarter was accounted for by higher duties on wine, spirits and tobacco imposed in the Budget, officials said yesterday. Without the rise in mortgage rates from 10¼ per cent. to nearly 14 per cent. over the past year last month's inflation rate would have been only 5·3 per cent. Mr Lawson said yesterday.

Gas and electricity charges, local authority rents and rates, petrol prices car and television licences and prescription charges all went up last month, as well as some foods and other items.

Officials believe there may be some small further impact on prices from Budget tax changes and higher mortgage rates this month, though some seasonal food prices may come down.

In the longer run, the recent strengthening of sterling should reduce the pressure on prices through lowering import costs. But a fall in the mortgage rates still looks some way off.

Britain's inflation rate is now well above the EEC average of 5·7 per cent and nearly double the industrial country average of 3·9 per cent. Only Italy, at 9·3 per cent.

Unit wage costs too are rising faster in Britain than in major trading partners. Unit wage costs in British manufacturing rose by 5·7 per cent in the year to the first quarter.

The Government is bound to point out that, despite the rise in inflation, those in work are still doing well. The tax and price index which takes into account income tax and National Insurance deductions from paypackets as well as pries, rose by 6·4 per cent in the year to April, but earnings in the latest year were up by an underlying 7½ per cent.

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DEATHS (Continued)

CASELTON—CLARK.—On Thursday, May 16, peacefully after a long illness nobly borne, Ventnor, dearly loved mother and granny, evacuee service at Mrs Leek's, Chesham Bois, Amersham, Bucks, on May 24, at 11.15 a.m., followed by a private burial. Family flowers only. Any donations to Cancer Research, please.

CHAMBERLAIN. On May 15, peacefully at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, LESLIE HARRY, born December, 1899.

CHALLEY.—On May 16, at Welsh Pool Hospital, ALBERT EDWARD, aged 78, formerly of Coventry and Luton, devoted husband of Marjorie, dearly loved father of Valerie and grandfather of Isobel and Charles.

COLGATE.—On May 15, 1985, KINGSLEY GEORGE SYDNEY, aged 85, beloved husband of Elsie and loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at St Mary's, Wallingford, on May 23, at 1.15 p.m.

CUNNINGHAME.—On May 17, peacefully in Abingdon, Mrs EDITH MAY CUNNINGHAME, wife of the late J. F. Cunninghame, M.B.E., of Bath, and mother of J. C. Cunninghame, of Abingdon. Service in St Helen's Church, Abingdon, at 11.30 a.m., on Wednesday, May 22. Flowers to F. W. Barrett, 31, Ock Street, Abingdon.

DEAN.—On May 16, MABEL (née Yeall), born 1893. Cremation private. No flowers. Will be missed by all her circle.

DIMITRIADI.—On May 16, 1985, peacefully at her daughter's house in Lausanne, Switzerland, ANNA, dear wife of the late Dimitri and beloved mother of Rita.

DRUMMOND.—On May 17, 1985, at Eastfield, 108, Victoria Terrace, Greenock, DUNCAN WILL DRUMMOND, dearly loved husband of Norma Walker, father of Duncan and Muriel and grandfather of Richard. Service at Finnart St Paul's Church, Newark Street, Greenock, on Tuesday, May 21, at 2 p.m. Funeral thereafter private. No flowers or letters, please.

DUNN.—On May 17, 1985, at Leamington Spa, FLORA, aged 91 years, formerly of Nottingham, widow of the late Harry Dunn. Funeral service to be held at the Mid-Warwickshire Crematorium, Oakley Wood, on Wednesday, May 22, at 2 p.m.

FISHER.—On May 14, CLAUDE FREDERICK UNGHARNY FISHER, M.B.E., R.A.F. (ret.), aged 90 years, formerly of the Church of Reconciliation, Hawthorn St, Glen Rennie Catholic Church, on Tuesday, May 21, at 4 p.m. Requiem Mass on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. No flowers, but if desired donations to aid the R.C. and Anglican Archdiocese for the Sick, may be sent to the Director of the R.C. Shrine, Whitehaven.

FRASER.—On May 17, 1985, after a brief illness, DOUGLAS LOVAT VANALL, retired accountant. Very dear husband of Vivien and much loved father of Angela, Leslie and Anne and grandfather of Sophie, William, Sabra, Pinka, Lydia, Thomas and Rachel. Funeral service at Reigate Crematorium on Friday, May 24, at 3 p.m. Family flowers only, please.

GODDARD.—On May 15, suddenly and peacefully after a short illness, REGINALD JOHN, aged 87, of Knockholt, Maidstone, loving husband of Constance and dear father of John, Constance and Michael. Dearly departed by Peter and Michael. Funeral at Sainsbury's all their blessings, Tuesday, May 21, Farnborough Church 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, Family flowers only.

GRAHAM.—On May 16, 1985, peacefully at Nightingale Nursing Home, ELSIE, beloved wife of Lieut. RONALD GRAHAM and much loved mother of Lieut. Jim, Jackie, James and Rev. Fergus. Funeral at St. Edward the Confessor Church, Corfe Castle, on Thursday, May 23, at 12 noon. Flowers to Arnold, Jan. 5, Smith, 60A, King's Road, Swanage, Dorset.

HAMPSHIRE.—On May 13, 1985, MAURICE, son of the late Florence and Eric and for over 40 years with the John Lewis Partnership. Private cremation has taken place. Donations if desired to Abbeyfield Society, 3, Rushmoor Road, Ilkley, West Yorkshire.

HILDER.—On Ascension Day, peacefully in hospital, in her 91st year, Gertrude Frank Hilder, Reunion and burial at St Michael's Church, Bodiam, on Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a.m. R.I.P.

HILL.—On May 15, 1985, MICHAEL ANTHONY CECIL, aged 39 years, dearly beloved husband of Lorna and loving father of Cecilia, Lucy and James. Will be missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service at Roynemouth Crematorium, Tuesday, May 21, at 3 p.m. Flowers only, or if desired, donations, for Save the Children Fund, c/o A. H. Griffin (C. E. Bone) (F.D.), 6, Dunraven Road, Broadstone, Dorset, tel. 0202 693275.

HIPKISS.—On May 16, 1985, after a short illness, MARGARET, aged 68, widow of the late Bryan and dearly loved mother of James. Funeral service Wednesday, May 22, at 3.40 p.m., at Farnborough Crematorium. Family flowers only.

HOLMES.—On May 17, peacefully at Rowcroft Hospice, Torquay, ELSIE EMILY, much loved wife of Harry. Service at Torquay Crematorium, at 2 p.m., on May 22. No flowers please, but donations to the hospice.

THORTON.—On May 14, at Orchton House Nursing Home, near Stratford-upon-Avon, RAYLEEN LORNE, aged 96 years. Funeral service at Alcester Parish Church, near Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, on Wednesday, May 22, at 2.30 p.m. Flowers may be sent to Mr. Vidal and Son, 34, Sheep Street, Stratford-upon-Avon.

JUSKEE.—On May 16, peacefully at Worksworth, ALEC, much loved and respected father of Ann and Michael, cremation Chesterfield Crematorium, Thursday, May 23, at 3 p.m.

KNUTTON.—On May 16, 1985, at home, NORMAN, aged 75, dearly loved husband of Joan and loving father of Lynn and Susan. Cortege leaves 1, Cotman Drive, Ketsby, Norwich, Friday, Tuesday, 2.30 p.m. Cremation service at the Chapelands Crematorium, Hull, 3 p.m. No flowers or letters, please.

KRASER.—On May 17, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great courage, DOROTHY (Doll) M. MASSARELLA, dearly loved widow of Paul, wife of Tony, mother of Marina and Sue and grandmother of Kate and Tabitha. Funeral service at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip, on Thursday, May 23, at 2.30 p.m. (East Chapel). Family flowers only please to E. Smith Ltd., 104, Pinner Road, Northwood. If desired, donations may be sent to The Bonnie Appeal, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middx.

LANGMAID.—On May 16, peacefully at his home in Southsea, Dr FRANK RODNEY, beloved husband of Nan and father of John, Elizabeth, Kate and Peter. Funeral service at Portsmouth Cathedral on Thursday, May 23, at 12.30 p.m., followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, but if desired, donations to the Hospice of Care, c/o The Treasurer, 17, Victoria Grove, Southsea, Hants.

MANNERS.—On May 17, at home, BRIAN, Chairman, aged 74, beloved son of FAYE and SHERARD MANNERS and a much loved brother. Requiem Mass at St Lawrence Church, Ockham, on Friday, May 24, at 11.15 a.m., followed by burial, family only, at West Horsley. No flowers, please, but donations if desired for the Parish Church of St Lawrence, Ockham.

MARSHALL.—On May 15, after a long illness, DOROTHY, widow of Martin Black, F.L.C., beloved husband of the late Nancy 4. Mother of Hermione and loving father of Patricia, Jennifer and Jonathan and a dear grandfather. The funeral service took place on May 17.

MILL.—On May 15, in a nursing home at Bexton-on-Sea, Hants, BEATRICE MAY ELIZABETH (Bee), aged 91, formerly of Finchley, sister of Arthur and the late Agnes and Sydney. Cremation, Bournemouth, Thursday, May 23, at 12.30 p.m.

MORRISON.—On May 15, peacefully in hospital, EMMA FLORENCE BENNETT, beloved wife of Peter and Jean, Uncle of Jeremy, Mary and Jane, father of the late Theodore Morrison & Co. Ltd. over 30 years. Cremation at Parkes Hall Crematorium on Wednesday, May 22, at 12 noon. Family flowers only, please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research or Cancer Relief.

NICHOLLS.—On Thursday, May 16, at Redruth, Cornwall, NORMAN, aged 84 years, formerly of King's Lynn, beloved husband of Florence Elsie deceased. Funeral service at Redruth Methodist Church, Tuesday, May 21, at 11.15 p.m., followed by cremation. Family flowers only, but donations in aid of the Royal Masonic Hospital may be sent to the funeral directors, Roy Jeffery & Son, 43, Trevingey Road, Redruth. tel. 215864.

ORGAN.—On May 14, peacefully at Salisbury House, St Albans, VIC, aged 91 years, beloved wife of the late Dave Organ, mother of Maureen and Suzanne. Funeral on May 24, at 1.45 p.m., at West Herts Crematorium, Garston. Tenuirist Ltd. Flowers to W. Goodchild & Sons, 7/11 Catherine Street, St Albans, tel. 58177.

PARKER.—On May 15, 1985, suddenly, WILLIAM PARKER, aged 81, years of Keyhouse Grange (Leicestershire), the beloved husband of Stella, dear father of Darien and Susan and step-father of David and Nick. Funeral service at Heacham Parish Church, Heacham, Norfolk, on Tuesday, May 21, at 12 noon. Interment following in the churchyard. No flowers, but donations if desired for Medical Research, c/o Glass & Gotteridge Ltd. Funeral Directors, Leicester, tel. (0533) 56117.

PERCY.—On May 16, at home, HARRY, greatly beloved husband of Eileen and adored father of George, Lavinia, James and Susan. Funeral Salhouse. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to R.S.P.B. Funeral Directors Gordon Barber, 317, Aylsham Road, Norwich.

PICKTHORNE.—On May 16, suddenly at home at Bishops Cleeve, Lt.-Col. LEONARD PICKTHORNE, T.D., R.E.M.E. Funeral service May 22, 1.45 p.m. at St Michael's Church.

POW. — On May 14, ALEXANDER Arron Pow, aged 75 years, father of Alex and Bob. Funeral service at Golders Green Crematorium on Tuesday, May 21, at 11 a.m. Instead of flowers, donations to the Royal Masonic Hospital, would be appreciated.

RIDD.—On May 17, at home, Rydal, 22, Panorama Road, Sandbanks, Poole, HILDA MURRAY (Denny) (née Denison), aged 85, wife of James, mother of Sally and of Patricia Fisher-Rowe, Barry and Michael Searle and grandmother of Nicholas and Penny.

STOKES.—On May 17, 1985, peacefully at his home, 14, Popes Lane, Warboys,